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## Victims, survivors speak out at vigil

By Tracy Collins  
Production Manager

The night belonged to an intimate group of women and men raising their voices against sexual violence Thursday, during the annual Take Back the Night vigil and rally in front of the University of Maine's Fogler Library.

"This is a very real issue, and people need to be made aware of it," Sarah Brasslett, co-chair of the Student Women's Association and an organizer of the event, said. "We want to make it clear that we are not going to tolerate sexual violence."

The vigil and rally were held in conjunction with other events to celebrate Sexual Assault Awareness Week, including informational tables, panels and the demonstration of the Clothesline Project.

More than 30 hand-decorated T-shirts hanging on a line in front of the library as part of the Clothesline Project blew in the wind, signaling the site for the rally. Shirts were anonymously decorated by people

affected by sexual violence around the country.

A message on one of the shirts said, "I was a victim twice," and was altered to read, "I am a survivor always."

Ribbons tied on the clothesline represented people on campus who had been raped or abused.

"There are way too many ribbons there," Brasslett said.

Before the vigil, U.S. Congressman Mike Michaud, State Sen. Mary Cathcart and representatives from area sexual violence awareness groups spoke on the issue of rape in the UMaine community.

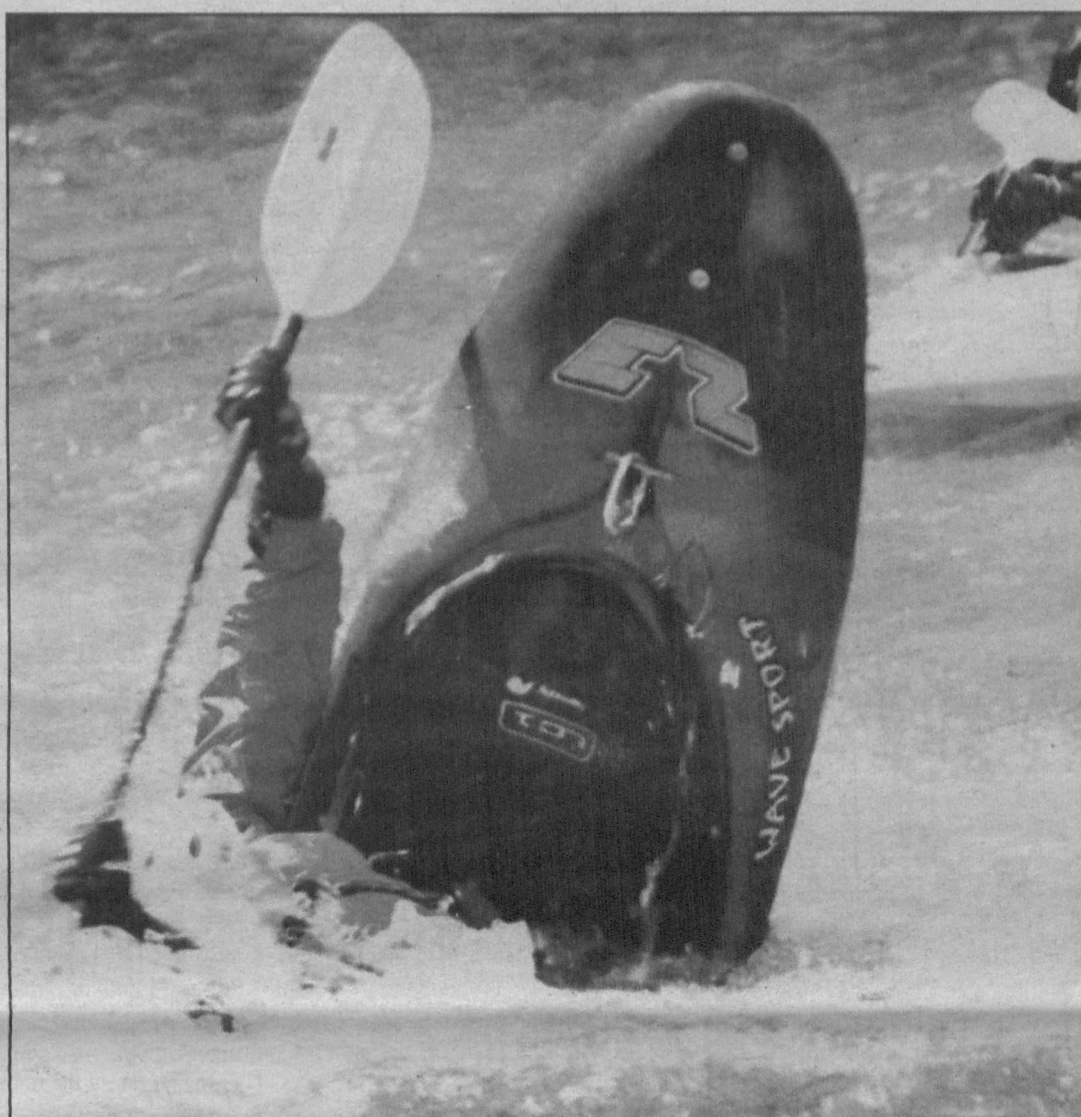
"It's about time elected officials wake up and see what a big problem it is," Michaud said.

University men were also well represented at the event. Chad Wright spoke for UMaine Men's Educational Networking and Ben Morin spoke for Brothers Engaged Against Rape.

"The Greek men on this campus will not sit idly by

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### Head over heels



CAMPUS PHOTO • DENISE FARWELL

A kayaker takes a dip in the Kenduskeag Stream Canoe race this past Saturday. The race, in which hundreds of paddlers competed, began in Kenduskeag and ended in downtown Bangor. See the front page of the Sports section for the complete story.

## Potential sites eyed for new rec center

Poll shows students find UMaine athletics facilities lacking support

By Cate Tiller  
Staff Reporter

University of Maine students are unimpressed with the campus recreational facilities and support a new facility, even in the face of a substantial fee, based on a series of recently published survey results.

Brailsford and Dunlavey, a consulting firm from Washington, D.C., presented the results of last November's survey April 11. More than 2,900 students responded, twice as many as were expected, said Kenda Scheele, director of recreational programs. The demographics showed that it was "very representative of all the students on campus," she said.

Students responding, totaling 67.39 percent, said they would be willing to pay an extra \$75 per semester, and more than 60 percent said they would support a \$100 per semester increase to pay for a new facility.



CAMPUS PHOTO • HOLLY BARBER

The location of UMaine's tennis courts is one of the proposed sites for a new recreation center on campus.

"[The survey] showed there was a positive groundswell of interest from students," said Sue Tyler, the senior adviser to the provost and the coordinator of the feasibility study.

At the beginning of the winter semester there was a trip to see the

consultants in Washington, D.C. One of the most appealing aspects of the different recreation facilities was how important the centers were to campus life at the various schools.

Tyler said the facilities were packed throughout the day. It

would be "a great addition to a campus like ours because we have so many indoor days," she said.

Although rumors had spread that the center would be built next to Hancock Hall, Scheele said the site was not recommended.

"The Sigma Nu, Beta site wasn't recommended at all by the consulting team," Scheele said.

There are five possible sites for the rec center: across the street from Alford Arena, on the right turning onto campus; on the current tennis courts, which would be moved; behind Stewart Commons; by Lengyl Gym and across the street from Maine Bound, next to the commuter parking lot and the chicken houses.

"I like the tennis courts [site] and having it near the Union," Matt Rodrigue, student body president said.

Depending on what students

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## Former senator visits UM

By Kristin Saunders  
Asst. News Editor

Former Colorado Sen. Gary Hart told a University of Maine audience Thursday that he is "testing the waters" to see if he will seek the Democratic nomination to run for president in 2004.

Hart said he will make his decision in the late spring to early summer of 2003. He said if he does decide to run, it will be a grass roots effort because presidential campaigns today raise and spend \$250 million, which he believes is too much money.

Hart, who served in the United States Senate from 1974-1988, and was twice candidate for president

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# The World BEYOND UMaine

## Self-proclaimed Baghdad mayor prepares for office amid skepticism

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Mohammed al Zubaidi smiled for the television cameras as supporters carried the self-proclaimed new mayor of Baghdad through a city plaza Sunday, but bystanders were far from impressed.

Al Zubaidi, a former Iraqi exile, said last week that a local council elected him to lead the Iraqi capital. The U.S. military says it doesn't recognize anyone as mayor yet. Al Zubaidi is a close associate of Iraqi National Congress head Ahmed Chalabi, a pro-American former exile who also has returned to Baghdad, with help from the Pentagon.

"We don't want a new regime with people we never heard of," said Majid Ahmed, 37, an office employee who was outside the Palestine Hotel. "The Americans brought these people here for what? ... I want someone liberal and democratic."

After 20 years of brutal dictatorship, there are few potential political leaders who are respected by ordinary Iraqis — or even known to them.

Retired U.S. Lt. Gen. Jay Garner, the man charged with running Iraq until the Iraqis form their own government, was expected to arrive in Baghdad Monday. His mission is to preside over a U.S. presence as long as is necessary to ensure a transition to a stable democratic government, and not one day longer, the White House has said.

How long that might be was a subject of growing debate Sunday.

One influential Bush adviser on Iraq said Sunday that the United States might be able to pull out of Iraq within "a matter of months," but other experts predicted an American military presence of at least two years and quite possibly longer.

Richard Perle, a member of the Bush administration's Defense Policy Board, said the transition to Iraqi rule "could be short, a matter of months. I would hope it would be only a matter of months."

"The sooner we can leave, the better, and we can leave as soon as there is an Iraqi government or even an interim Iraqi government in place," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

But Chalabi said on ABC's "This Week" that U.S. troops need to stay until an election is held, which he said "should take two years."

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, predicted the mission would take years. "That may understate it," he said on "Meet the Press."

"It will be necessary to establish a government and to help to protect that government against people who are trying to overthrow the system that is emerging," former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Iraqi religious and political leaders launched talks on a new government last week, but satisfying the demands of competing religious and ethnic groups and a secular

middle class won't be easy, said Daniel Goure, a military analyst and vice president of the Lexington Institute, a think tank.

The Pentagon hopes to turn over control of Iraq to an interim government in 120 days, according to one defense official, but Goure called that overly optimistic.

"Look at what we experienced in the Balkans, and we didn't have a lot of the problems we are facing now," he said.

Troops will be needed to stabilize Iraq and to hedge against the possibility of military action against Iran or Syria, said John Pike, military analyst with GlobalSecurity.org, a research group in Washington, D.C.

"The notion that we might have 100,000 troops celebrating Thanksgiving in Iraq is very easy to believe," he said.

## Chinese government admits errors in dealing with SARS outbreak

BEIJING - In an extraordinary admission of mishandling the SARS epidemic, China's government Sunday announced a tenfold increase of infections in Beijing and the removal of the minister of health and Beijing's mayor from their high-level positions in the Communist Party.

The update raised the number of confirmed cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome in China's capital to 346, including 18 deaths.

Vice Minister of Health Gao Qiang, who released the new figures at a news conference, said Beijing

also had 402 suspected SARS cases. In days, many of those are expected to become confirmed cases.

Gao announced several emergency measures to contain the rapidly spreading epidemic, which has infected at least 1,807 people in China, and killed at least 79. Most cases so far have been in the far southern Guangdong province, where the now-global epidemic began, but infections have spread to at least nine provinces and administrative regions.

Epidemiologists have begun to fear that SARS may be so deeply entrenched already among China's 1.3 billion citizens that it will never be eradicated.

After a series of news blackouts and policy blunders, China's central government now appears to be making an all-out effort to combat the epidemic.

Gao said China's Golden Week holiday the first week of May, when tens of millions of Chinese were expected to travel, has been canceled to prevent further spread of infections. Hospitals across the nation have been ordered to accept all patients with SARS symptoms regardless of their ability to pay, he said.

Monitors have been posted throughout China's vast transportation web to spot people with SARS symptoms on planes, trains and buses and quickly isolate them.

Gao said the government has sent teams to assess the degree of infection in rural areas, where most of China's population still resides and where health care services range from inadequate to nonexistent.

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Gao said there is no evidence yet of widespread infection in rural areas, but he acknowledged that the nation's "floating" population of more than 100 million migrant workers could transport the virus that causes SARS throughout rural areas.

"Once it spreads to those areas, the consequences will be especially grim," he warned.

Gao pledged that the government will mobilize to its full capacity and spend whatever money it takes to combat the epidemic, which threatens not only the public's health but the government's credibility.

China's government for months suppressed news about the epidemic, apparently to avoid frightening the public and scaring off foreign tourists and investors. Less than two weeks ago, Chinese health officials insisted that the epidemic was under control and that China was safe for travelers.

To underscore its seriousness, the government, just one hour after Gao's news conference, announced through the official Xinhua news agency that Minister of Health Zhang Wenkang and Beijing Mayor Meng Xuenong had been dismissed from their Communist Party posts.

The political shakeup and the emergency health measures follow the humiliating disclosures last week by a World Health Organization team of experts that China's capital had grossly understated its number of SARS cases and was poorly prepared to deal with the widening epidemic.

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# RAs set to downsize

Rising enrollment forces ResLife employees into regular singles

By Meredith Holt  
Staff Reporter

For the upcoming fall semester, nearly 40 Resident Assistants at the University of Maine will move from double-as-single rooms to regular single rooms. The transition is part of an effort to increase efficiency of occupancy.

RAs in York, Hart, Hancock, Gannett, Cumberland and Androscoggin Halls have been asked to make the move to smaller rooms.

The total number of double-singles has also been cut by about 45, reducing the total to 156 double-single rooms on campus, Andy Matthews, director of Housing Services, said.

Following the housing problems last fall, Housing Services, Student Auxiliary Services and Residence Life and Programs began a re-evaluation of the total occupancy of on-campus housing. At the onset of the 2002-03 academic year, students lived in lounges, some RAs shared their rooms with first-year students and others were temporarily housed in local hotels.

Only six RAs had roommates for more than 10 days, according to Matthews.

The re-designation of RA rooms stemmed from the consideration: "In which halls, in which size rooms, do we still feel RAs can effectively carry out their jobs?" Matthews said.

RAs say they use their rooms as an office, a place where they can mediate arguments between roommates or where residents can air their concerns. Some RAs are concerned they won't be able to perform these duties in smaller rooms.

"They need a space where they can invite students in to talk about things," Barbara Smith, director of Residence Life and Programs, said.

The size of the single rooms in the Stewart quad halls is workable,

she said.

The Hilltop halls are not affected by the change because they don't have any single rooms. Some of the RAs in the Hilltop halls are strongly against the room changes even though they aren't directly affected, according to Ray Labbe, a third-year computer engineering major and an RA in Hancock Hall.

Aroostook, Kennebec and Penobscot Halls are also not affected because their single rooms are considered too small for RAs to perform their job duties. They would be "close to claustrophobic," Matthews said.

Smith said in her 23 years of working at the university, RAs have not always had double-occupancy single rooms.

"In the long history, having RAs in single rooms is not unusual," Smith said.

"It provides the kind of space we need for new students," Smith said. "The RA moves is only one part of the overall [re-evaluation] of occupancy and housing spaces." Re-designation of rooms occurs for other reasons, such as assigning certain floors for a particular lifestyle.

The decision trickled down from Assistant Directors and Resident Directors to the RAs before Spring Break.

The students who currently live in the singles re-designated for RAs were notified by e-mail of the decision. Displaced students will be allowed the option of earlier room sign-up on Tuesday, April 22.

"I think the key is being informed about what's happening," Labbe said. "It's just above our heads, unfortunately, when it comes to housing decisions."

Labbe and other RAs formed a committee to represent RA concerns. They hope the committee will be more active in the fall.

RAs are also concerned about their compensation. Some think of it

as a pay cut, Labbe said.

"They all get credited and billed for a double room, it has nothing to do with the kind of space they live in," Smith said.

Compensation is for a free room, not for a free particular-sized room. RAs live in double rooms when the university has the "luxury of space," Smith said.

"On the financial papers, it shows up as the same amount, but in reality, the rooms are different sizes," Labbe said. Some RAs may find it harder to be open and welcoming with a smaller room, he said.

Another concern that has arisen as a result of this decision is the location of some of the RA rooms. The single rooms are toward the end of the hall in Gannett and Cumberland, according to Smith. An RA room in a centralized location of the section is ideal, Labbe said.

In the Hilltop halls, for example, two hallways have RAs, and two don't.

"It's harder for them to build a community because they're so segregated," Labbe said.

In other ways of increasing the efficiency of the housing process, Student Auxiliary Services made it possible for first-year and transfer students to sign up for rooms online.

Students can also sign up for rooms in the SAS offices in Hilltop Commons. Matthews encouraged students to seek help in their offices. He will try to accommodate for students even after the official room sign-up days are over, he said.

"We try to do our best to accommodate for everyone," he said.

Increasing enrollment is undoubtedly a factor in the push to increase the efficiency of housing at UMaine, Labbe said.

"They're excited because a lot of people want to come to school here, but you have to accommodate for them," Labbe said.

## LEGAL Affairs



Attorneys David R. Miller and Ted Curtis

**Q: What's the latest on the bankruptcy reform bill that I keep hearing about?**

A: H.R. 975, the "Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2003," has now been approved by the U. S. House of Representatives. This bill would make it more difficult for debtors to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, instead forcing them to file under Chapter 13. You may recall from previous articles that Chapter 7 bankruptcy excuses a debtor from payment of many types of debts (particularly credit cards and certain other unsecured debts), and that Chapter 13 requires repayment of most or all debts according to a court-approved schedule.

A very similar version of the bill passed last year, but was defeated in the Senate. In contrast to the former bill, however, H.R. 975 lacks the controversial provision denying anti-abortion activists the ability to declare bankruptcy in order to avoid paying court-ordered fines or damages resulting from violent protests at abortion clinics. Even though some observers credit this provision with the failure of the previous bankruptcy reform bill, there are plans to reintroduce it into the bill this year.

To locate an abundance of information on this topic, visit [www.thomas.loc.gov](http://www.thomas.loc.gov), a service of the Library of Congress.

**Q: I use and sell dietary supplements containing ephedra, but I keep hearing all of this bad publicity about it. Can I get into trouble if I provide it to someone else?**

A: The recent death of professional pitching prospect Steve Bechler, which some have associated with the herbal stimulant "ephedra," has brought media atten-

tion to this issue. Your question also calls to mind the death of Minnesota Vikings player Korey Stringer, in which an ephedra alkaloid has been implicated. We are not aware of any medical studies that purport to definitively link ephedra to incidents of stroke, death or other health problems, but the amount of anecdotal evidence appears to be growing.

Ephedra is one of a wide variety of herbal supplements that are touted by manufacturers and retailers as aids to metabolism, athletic performance and energy, among other things. By virtue of a 1994 federal act (dubbed the "Snake Oil Protection Act" by the New York Times), herbal supplements are not required to undergo premarket testing by the Food and Drug Administration, and the FDA has the burden of proving that any such supplement is harmful after it is introduced into the marketplace.

In answer to your question, it is our understanding that ephedra may be legally sold without fear of prosecution, and it may be expected to remain legal unless the FDA proves that it is hazardous and bans or limits its distribution. However, the private sector may begin to provide a powerful disincentive for marketers of this product through the threat of costly litigation. Private lawsuits against the purveyors of ephedra and similar products are beginning to emerge and make headlines. For now, at least, your ability to sell ephedra appears to be limited only by your own judgment.

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# Maine students return from DC conference

*Children's welfare central topic for week of workshops, forums, meetings*

By Kyle Webster  
Staff Reporter

To show their support for ending poverty among Maine youth, two University of Maine students traveled to Washington, D.C., April 8-12 to attend the Children's Defense Fund's annual conference.

The CDF is an organization that aids children. Its motto is, "Leave no child behind."

Jan Gillen and Lisa Cooley traveled from UMaine to the event. They decided to attend

the conference in March following a decision made by Marian Wright Edelman, the founder of CDF, which suggested the conference needed active college participants.

Cooley said the conference was advertised and functioned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"I really wanted to go since my major is right down this alley," Cooley, a social work major, said.

Travel and hotel expenses were provided for the two stu-

dents.

The conference consisted of many events, ranging from a rally on Capitol Hill to a Democratic presidential candidate forum.

"While there, we attended several plenary sessions, workshops ... a presidential candidate forum," Cooley said. "[We] attended a rally on Capitol Hill and had meetings with our state leaders."

They were unable to meet with Maine Sens. Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, however, they met with their chief advisers. They also met with Maine's first district Rep. Tom Allen.

"Allen had already signed on with the CDF," Cooley said. "This was great. It was good to see someone on board with us on these issues."

One of the major issues discussed during the conference was children on welfare.

"Children's welfare is not an issue that we should, or can, put on hold and get back to later," Gillen said. "Children have needs that we should be meeting."

Maine is one of the target states of the CDF and Gillen said they hope to get their message back to Maine.

"I think that it is important to educate Maine about what is

happening to children here and elsewhere," Gillen said. "I think that further efforts are needed in advocacy efforts here in the state."

Following the conference, Gillen and Cooley said they felt they had learned a lot and gained the drive to continue working towards helping children in Maine.

The women said they ask anyone looking to support this cause to step up and help out.

"I would encourage people to get out there and talk to others, and talk to their representatives and senators," Cooley said. "That's the only way things get done."

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while rape and sexual assault exist in our society," Morin said. "We are here to take a stand, to look our fellow man in the eye, with women and men behind us, and tell him that it is not OK, and that we will not tolerate any abuse directed toward women."

UMaine Public Safety officer Deb Mitchell gave final comments before the vigil began.

"There's nothing I can say to elaborate on what these people have said," Mitchell said. "It warms my heart — and that's the only thing that's warm tonight — to see you all out here."

Brasslett then led the group into an emotionally charged vigil by inviting the group to light candles. The group held candles as they listened to the pained voices of survivors of

sexual violence.

"Survivors need to know that they're not alone, and our community needs to know that these kinds of problems really are real on our campus," a senior women's studies and child development major said.

Several women went before the crowd to share their personal stories of experience with sexual violence, at times moving crowd members to tears.

"I never realized sexual assault could happen between a girlfriend and a boyfriend until I found myself in that situation," one speaker said.

"I want to be silent," said a woman who was sexually abused at age 12. "There are no words to describe the feeling of what he's done to me. I'll just take a shower for four hours trying to wash off what he gave me."

Child sexual abuse was a major theme of the stories in the vigil.

"When a child is sexually abused, you end their innocence," said a woman who was abused at age 4. "I'm taking back the night for the girl I was."

After a long pause between speakers, another woman stepped up to the microphone to encourage fellow survivors.

"Keep on talking. I know it's hard to talk in front of people, but I'm happy to see so many people who are not afraid to listen," she said.

Other speakers offered a solemn celebration of the supportive community members who came to offer support.

"I'm here in support of my partner," said a woman whose partner was sexually abused. "What happened affects that

person's life and so it affects mine. I hear the pain and anguish in the voices of those who have spoken and my heart goes out to them."

Another speaker told her friend's story with such anguish in her eyes that it brought some audience members to tears. "I don't know what to say. I don't know how to help her."

Two men then voiced their support on behalf of Athlete's for Sexual Responsibility.

"I am angry that people I know have been raped," one man said. "Women and men will not be equal until rape ends. I will interrupt rape jokes. I will pay attention to cries for help. I will encourage women to be strong and powerful."

After the vigil, Mitchell and members from the crowd gave a demonstration of self-defense

moves as taught in Mitchell's Rape Aggression Defense class before starting the rally.

"Stay with me. I don't want to run any of you over by accident," she said, joking with the crowd to prepare them for the march from the library toward Memorial Gym and then up the hill to the Wooley Room in Doris Twitchell Allen Village. There, the percussion band Innana awaited the marchers with music from its bongo drums.

"Survivors unite! Take back the night," cheered the crowd through siren blasts as it marched, following Mitchell's cruiser.

"It was definitely a success," Brasslett said after the event. "Even one person having the opportunity to speak out for the first time makes it a success."

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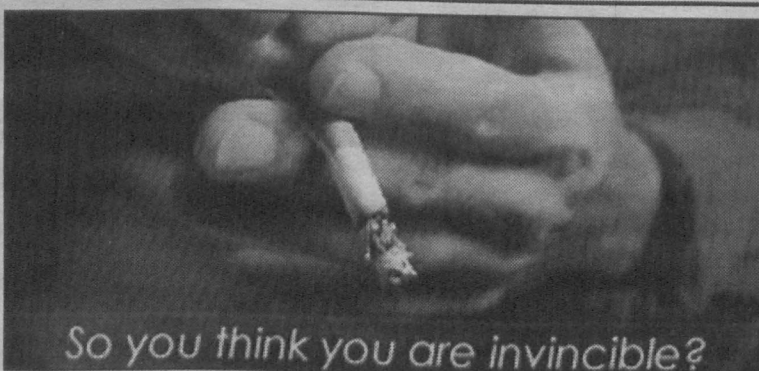
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## A walk in the woods



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Two first-year students from Canada enjoy a walk on the university trails last Sunday.

## Student group takes aim at stereotypes

By Cate Tiller  
Staff Reporter

The evening began with a splash of images: young boys boxing, football players piling up, Indiana Jones firing his gun. There were photos of battered women, military training and professional wrestlers pounding on each other.

"Tough Guise," a documentary about masculinity's link to violence and why men and boys feel pressured to put up a tough front for the world, was screened Tuesday night in 101 Neville Hall. After the film, a panel of seven men from different University of Maine campus organizations discussed their responses to the film and how they viewed masculinity.

"We are constructing violent masculinity as the norm," said Jackson Katz, the founder and director of Mentors in Violence Prevention. Katz was the main speaker and analyst in the film, which he co-wrote, according to his Web site.

The film presented the idea that masculinity is a pose and a performance and that there has been a "ratcheting up of what it takes to be masculine."

The "tough guise" men wear is a survival mechanism they learn through the media and the culture that surrounds them, the film said.

The film showed that teen dating violence has been on the increase and while the crime rate in the United States has dropped, the rape rate hasn't. According to the film, men commit 85 percent of all murders and 90 percent of assaults.

Studies have shown "a lot of violence is compensation for not being big and muscular," accord-

ing to the film. It says that if men don't have physical prowess, they sometimes try to gain respect and show their strength through fighting. Being masculine has been linked to being "violent, controlling and intimidating," Katz said. The school shootings are a result of the same phenomena.

Many of the panelists agreed that popular culture and the media are not the only sources to blame. Men need to look to the home and their father figure for guidance on what it means to be masculine, said Derrick Jackson, a member of Athletes for Sexual Responsibility.

Chad Wright, a member of UMaine M.E.N., said some men do fit the stereotypes.

"It depends on the person themselves," Wright said.

Jackson said there's a lot of pressure, especially on athletes, to fit the mold.

"We're trying to fight those stereotypes and those who make the stereotypes true," Jackson said.

Men have also had to fight against the public's memory.

"People will feed off the negative stuff ... [that's] what people remember," Wright said.

The panelists said they are optimistic about the progress men are making.

"At the university, we're a lot more open-minded," said Robbie Finch, a member of UMaine M.E.N.

People are more willing to "step out," or be more social, in college, but in high school they're more likely to be "singled out," Wright said.

Men's points of view change, but that doesn't mean their behavior changes along with it, the film showed; it's just the first step.

"People aren't ready to make that stand yet," Jackson said.

## Police Beat

### Orono & Old Town



By Kyle Webster  
Staff Reporter

A woman's wallet was stolen from Margarita's Restaurant some time between 9 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. Friday, April 11. The woman approached an officer on patrol on Mill Street. She stated that while she was eating at Margarita's her wallet disappeared. The wallet had been hanging on the back of the woman's chair. There was no money in the wallet, but it did contain her driver's license, a credit card and a checkbook.

A man was arrested following an altercation in Talmar Woods at 5:15 p.m. Friday, April 11. An officer responded to the apartment complex and met with a

woman who said she had been assaulted. The man who assaulted her, identified as Joseph Case, 29, was supposed to move out that day, but he became angry and started shouting at her. The woman said the man was mentally and physically abusive toward her. Case denied making any threats towards her or abusing her. He was arrested for criminal threatening and was issued a summons for assault.

A bike was stolen from a house on Hillside Road in Orono some time between 7 p.m. Saturday, March 29 and 2:50 p.m. Sunday, April 6. The bike is a blue Cannondale mountain bike, valued at \$200. It was not locked up.

A man was issued several

summonses following an accident on Elliot's Landing Road in Orono Sunday, April 6. An off-duty police officer noticed a damaged brown Chevy Blazer parked off the road in the north-bound lane of the road. There was no one around or inside the vehicle, and it was towed. Contact was made with the owner, Robert Alexander, 23. He said he had gotten into an accident when he fell asleep at the wheel. He claimed he was in shock and walked home to call his mother. He said the thought of calling the police never crossed his mind. He was issued summonses for leaving the scene of a property damage accident, failing to report an accident by quickest means and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

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want, the facilities would most likely include racquetball courts, basketball courts that could be used for volleyball and floor hockey, an indoor track, saunas, locker rooms, an indoor challenge course, a leisure swimming pool, an athletic training room with a trainer, lounges, a classroom could be reserved and a workout space three times the size of Latti Fitness Center.

Brad Noyes, the consultant who made the presentation, discussed the possible time frame for the project and the total cost. The cost would be \$24 million to \$26 million, Scheele said.

The building would cost \$18 million, the rest going toward soft fees and equipment. If the site needs a lot of preparation work, funds would be taken away from the building.

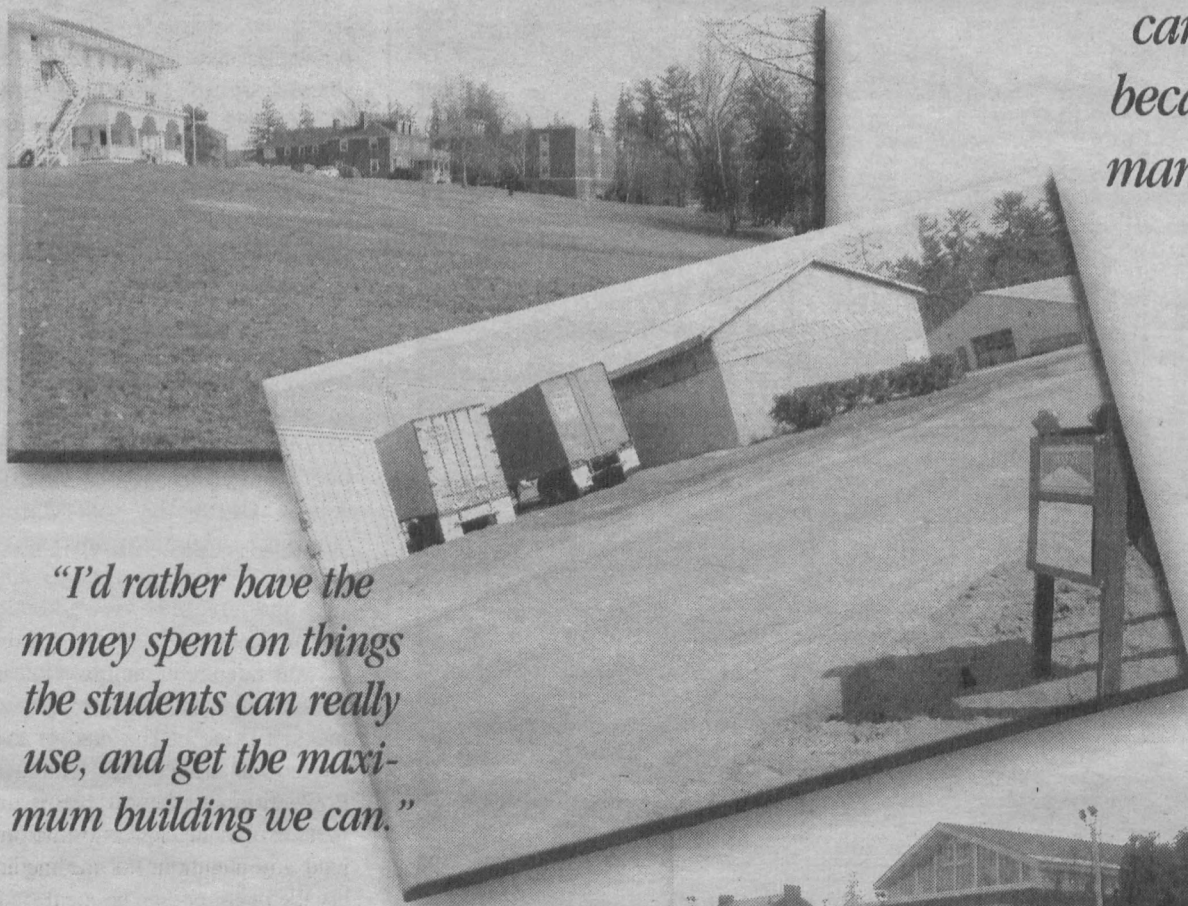
"I'd rather have the money spent on things the students can really use, and get the maximum building we can," Tyler said.

The next step for the recreation center project is to bring the proposal before the UMaine Board of Trustees. If the project is approved, an architect will be hired and plans will get underway. The center could open in the Fall of 2006. The project could take five years to complete.

That may or may not happen because of the current financial situation in the state, according to Tyler. The center would be funded by a 30-year bond to be paid off by students fees after it was built.

"Interest rates are low. This is a good time [to borrow money]," Rodrigue said.

## Where will it go?



*"I'd rather have the money spent on things the students can really use, and get the maximum building we can."*

*"I like the tennis courts [site] and having it near the Union."*

*It would be "a great addition to a campus like ours because we have so many indoor days."*

*"The Sigma Nu, Beta site wasn't recommended at all by the consulting team."*

CAMPUS PHOTOS • HOLLY BARBER

## Community groups rally for G-P workers

### University, Old Town and Orono offer counseling, support and advice

By Ryan Clark  
For The Maine Campus

Members of the University of Maine, Old Town and Orono communities have united to volunteer their time and services to families affected by the April layoffs of 300 Old Town Georgia-Pacific mill workers.

About 18 members of the UMaine community assembled to find a way to provide aid to the recently unemployed workers and their families.

"The purpose of the meeting was to begin to talk about how we can assist, and what resources we have that we can use to help," said Janet Waldron, vice president of administration and chairperson

of the group. "People here care a great deal, everyone wants to help in every way we can."

Campus resources, such as the UMaine Counseling Center, have made themselves available by giving those who lost their jobs a chance to talk in privacy.

"In times of crisis in the community, the Counseling Center is always willing to offer assistance to help folks in distress and times of need," said Dr. Doug Johnson, director of the Counseling Center. "The Counseling Center is staffed by psychologists and Ph.D.-level trained practitioners. I would really hope that knowing we are here as a resource will ease people's mind, knowing there

is a private, confidential place to come to discuss their concerns."

*"People here care a great deal, everyone wants to help in every way we can."*

Johnson said the Counseling Center's staff helps bridge the university and surrounding communities in times of need.

"I think that the Counseling Center staff is concerned about making sure that the relationship between the university and community is strong, healthy and mutually beneficial," Johnson said.

Other resources available to aid G-P families are the UMaine Employee Assistance Program, the YMCA of Old Town and Crossroads Ministries.

"When the news broke that G-P was letting so many go I just really spent time looking at how we were going to expand our services to accommodate the number of people," said Brenda Davis, founder and director of the Crossroads Ministries.

Davis founded the Old Town-based establishment in 1991 in hopes of bringing the community together during difficult times.

"Crossroads is doing nothing different for the workers since we have been doing things for the last 10 years," Davis said. "With the donations we receive we fill the gap between what is needed to sustain people and each family that comes in, because it is different every year. We can only identify that gap. Back in the day we needed to go to our neighbor for a cup of sugar, but one day they might not need help with sugar. They might need help with the light bill, food or cleaning products."

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## HART from page 1

in 1984 and 1988, said the decision to run again is complicated and is an expensive proposition.

"Money in politics is out of hand," Hart said. "Politics in America is getting out of hand."

He said politics in the United States is being professionalized, with a large portion of campaign funds going towards the media, advisers and experts.

"Politics in America is being professionalized, and I don't think it is a good thing," Hart said. "If I am a candidate I will be a viable candidate, but as always I will rely on volunteers and grass roots people."

Hart said he will not spend a lot of money if he runs and will challenge people to get involved for themselves.

"I will challenge people to be involved, not for my sake but rather for their sakes, to take their government back," he said.

Hart began addressing the crowd by reciting the pledge of allegiance to those in attendance in the Bangor Lounge in Memorial Union. He discussed the history of what it meant to be a republic, as described in the pledge of allegiance, and what it meant to be a 21st century republic.

"We all know that democracy is about rights," Hart said.

He said in a republic the citizens need to express civic virtues and have citizen participation. He said despite the country's efforts to get people involved, only 60 percent of eligible voters voted in the last presidential election, and it is difficult to push American democracy on other countries when it is not even maximized by its own voters.

"Our founders believed strongly in citizen participation," Hart said. "Citizen duty is very ideal to a republic."

Hart said today's government is



CAMPUS PHOTO • JAMES HILLS

Former Colorado Sen. Gary Hart talks to a student after speaking to University students and staff Thursday. He is yet to decide if he will run for president in 2004.

corrupt with special interests.

"I confess to being an idealist, but it does not mean that I'm impractical," he said. "John Kennedy called himself an idealist without illusions, and I think I would accept the same definition for myself."

Hart told the mostly college-aged crowd that young people are included every day when decisions are made about their lives. Examples of decisions affecting young people included taxes, air water regulations, roads, environmental efficiency of cars and going to war.

"We have responsibilities to our families, but we also have responsibilities as citizens," Hart said. "I know by talking to enough students and young people over the years that say, 'I don't want anything to do with politics because it has

nothing to do with me,' this is a big mistake. It has everything to do with you. Decisions are made every day that affect your life."

Hart was part of a commission established during President Clinton's administration to explore the United States' role in the world in the 21st century, following the Cold War. He served as co-chairman of the U.S. Commission on National Security-21st Century, a bipartisan commission comprised of seven Republicans and seven Democrats. The commission was chartered by the Department of Defense for 1998-2001 and published reports.

A central finding of the committee was a prediction that the U.S. would be the victim of terrorist attack.

"America will be attacked by terrorists using weapons of mass

destruction, and Americans will die on American soil, and possibly in large numbers," Hart quoted from the first report. "The date of that report was Sept. 15, 1999, two years almost to the day before the first terrorist attack. Almost no one paid any attention, not the media, not the press, not the political leadership."

In January 2001 the commission recommended the creation of a Department of Homeland Security prior to the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

Hart said the recommendation was to "protect the country against a terrorist attack. Again, no one paid any attention, and nine months later, 9-11 occurred."

Hart discussed the central disagreement between Secretary of State Colin Powell and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld over

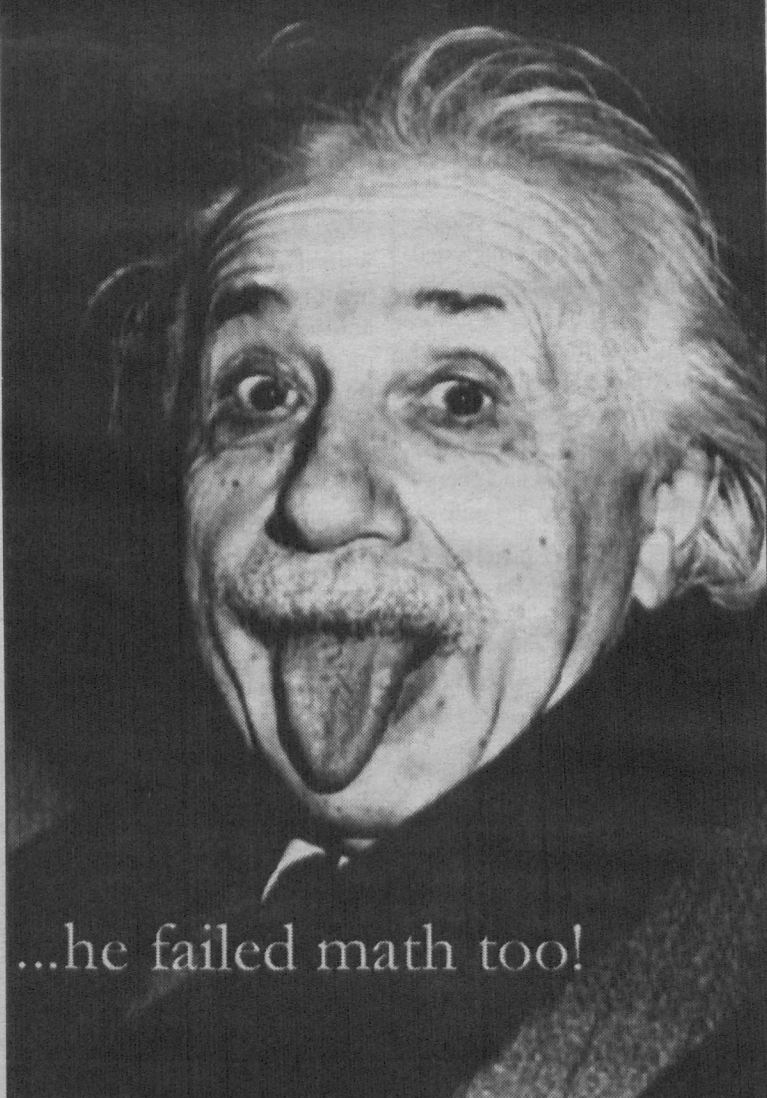
the reconstruction of Iraq with international aid.

"[It's] a big debate across this country and on this campus: what is America's role in the 21st century, and how do we carry this role out?"

Hart argued that the United States should not try to rebuild Iraq as a country and its government.

"I think for America to play its role in the world, as a leading democracy, we must be both internationalists and multinationalists. That is to say that we shouldn't go in it alone," Hart said. "We should not seek to impose democracy on the Arab world or anywhere else on the point of a bayonet. We should be encouraging people to democratize themselves and open up their societies, but we should not be doing it force of arms. Citizens of this country need to take control of their own lives."

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## EDITORIAL

### No downsizing for RAs

Beginning next fall, nearly 40 Resident Assistants in five University of Maine dormitories will be asked to eschew their double-as-single rooms for single rooms as part of the university's effort to alleviate the campus housing crunch.

The preemptive move to free up space for incoming freshmen is admirable, considering the housing debacle created by room shortages at the beginning of this school year. But the new policy could be ill-received by current RAs and recent applicants.

RAs use their double-single rooms as work spaces. Their jobs require that they provide a space for communicating with residents. Will their jobs be affected by their sudden reduction in work space?

And how will morale among RAs in the five affected dorms change their attitudes towards their jobs? Will they want to continue working in a building where their living space is greatly reduced when their peers in other dorms are given larger rooms?

Barbara Smith, director of Residence Life and Programs, answered this question succinctly this week: "They need a space where they can invite students in to talk about things," Smith said. But Smith went on to cite examples from years past where RAs were also required to move to smaller housing in the name of space.

Although the administration's concern with the issue shows laudable foresight, The Maine Campus urges the pertinent parties to find a way to keep RAs in larger rooms. Rapidly swelling enrollment numbers are the obvious culprit behind the planned restrictions, but the ResLife community should be one of the pillars in this reexamination of the housing crunch, not a victim. RAs at UMaine are more than a tie between students and their school — they are an essential part of a functioning academic community.



## Defy age by embracing youth

I'm going to pass on the adult diapers

I think it's about time someone spoke out against age. Not age discrimination, although that's bad as well; I'm talking about actual age.

As my classmates and I move closer to the end of our college careers in less than a month, I'm starting to think that getting old isn't as desirable as I thought it would be. I haven't taken a poll, but I'd reckon many of the seniors at the University of Maine feel the same way.

I thought that once a student earned his or her diploma, the road to white collar employment would be paved with dollar bills and a Mercedes Benz. It doesn't look that easy now.

A fledgling college student

NATE  
WEBSTER

HEAD COPY EDITOR

could make the argument that growing older is, however, desirable. "But when you turn 21, you can drink," the typical 19-year-old could say. I would respond: "Good point."

However, any 103-year-old can also drink; he or she has been able to for 82 years. Is she or he better off than a teenager? I think not, and I'd wager that many of our grandparents would agree with me.

I don't see many grandmothers swaying in their rocking chairs, saying, "Boy, it's good to be old."

It's also not common to hear grandfathers mumbling, "Golly, I'm glad I'm not young any more. Running and playing and climbing trees — geez, that stuff really sucked."

Instead, they frequently tell of the days when they were young. Those are the days they enjoy telling others about because those were the best times of their lives. When they were young and they were free. Free as birds.

Now, their dreams are lost within the ashes of memory. They don't have much to look forward

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## Letters to the Editor

### • Java Jive pleases viewers

After reading Alex Lehnings's article "First Act Fizzles, Second Act Sizzles" in the April 17 edition of *The Maine Campus*, I am rather displeased with the article. It is inaccurate and poorly reflects the performance and entertainment that was provided by Jon Mason and Sean Walsh.

I do not play the guitar and

cannot comment on the quality of play by either of the two artists. Yet the entertainment and comedic liveliness of the pair far outweighed any lack in artistic ability.

I can't say that I have been to one Java Jive performance better than the one I viewed the other night. Jon Mason brought an entertainment value that got the

crowd involved and had people laughing. This was not included in Lehnings's article, but was the highlight of the show.

You failed to include a review of the Adam Sandler song, which could have been the pinnacle of the show. The 8-Mile skit was excellent and had everyone laughing. It did go into a

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## The real fraternity life

Here are the facts

JAMES  
WIELAND

### FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

Recently, there has been a lot of discussion on the value of being a Greek man. Although I do enjoy discussions of fraternity life out in the open, I would prefer if fact dictates popular opinion instead of stereotypes. Here are some general insights on Greek men, based on fact and on the basic ideals they uphold.

The first society on this campus was established in 1874. It was called the Q.T.V. Society. Shortly after, a succession of many local, national and international fraternities were formed. Over the years, many chapters left and were re-founded at a later date. There are currently 15 recognized social men's fraternities at the University of Maine.

Greek men are involved in almost every student, university and private organization we have available and comprise over 50 percent of the leadership, ranging from Student Government to the Maine Steiners.

It is because of that leadership that many of the buildings you know are named after alumni of local Greek chapters. Some of those buildings include the Donald P. Corbett Business Building, Fogler Library and the Buchanan Alumni House. Even the "Stein Song" was written by a Greek man.

We also are responsible for the survival of UMaine's Recreational Sports. Every year Rec. Sports are flooded with Greek men involved in healthy competition among one another. We are responsible for more than 30 percent of the total population of those who participate in Rec. Sports.

Greek men learn the fundamentals of leadership that will help them on their professional

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## Age

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to. This isn't to say that being elderly can't be fulfilling and enjoyable; it's just not going to win anyone Olympic medals.

I hope that when I become old — say, in my late 40s — I hope that some sort of anti-aging elixir has been created. I feel that it may exist already, since actor Bruce Campbell has appeared relatively the same age for the better part of two decades.

I'm not holding my breath for the discovery of this miracle cure for growing old. I'm slowly learning to accept the fact that one day, I will need to get a full-time job. That one day is coming sooner than I expected.

So, I'm going to give my advice for you students in a hurry to grow up. You're the ones saying, "I can't wait to get out of here."

## Greek

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careers later on in life. In fact, 76 percent of our nation's senators have been Greek. All but three U.S. presidents have been Greek.

A U.S. study shows that more than 70 percent of all those who join a fraternity graduate, while less than 50 percent of the general student population graduates.

Some of our favorite stars are Greek. Tim McGraw is in Pi Kappa Alpha. Brad Pitt is in Sigma Chi. Harrison Ford is in Sigma Nu. David Spade is in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and the list goes on and on.

We don't buy our friends. Funding for fraternity life is less than two percent of the student's total college budget.

We do not haze. Hazing is illegal in the state of Maine and against university policy. If a chapter is even suspected of hazing they are usually kicked off campus and it is usually done by its headquarters before any one else even knows what happened.

According to the Judicial

Yes, you can wait. Growing old means taking on more responsibilities, like paying for your own car insurance. It's scary to think that parents often stop paying for their children's insurance at the tender age of 23.

Starting a career is just around the corner. I may be old enough to get into a bar, but I'm old enough that I'm also required to go out into the world and try to make my mark. I wouldn't mind putting that off for another few years. It's going to hurt to have to pay back my college loans.

So, enjoy your days of youth while you can. Me, I'm going to be playing video games and contemplating applying to grad school.

*Nate Webster cries himself to sleep at night, fearing the end of his glorious college days.*

Affairs Office, Greeks are not the cause of the majority of infractions of the Student Conduct Code. The majority is caused by the average student that lives in a residence hall.

We do not support "date rape." Just last year President Hoff stopped by Beta Theta Pi's annual sleep-out to help support rape awareness.

Greek men are not the cause of any major problem here at UMaine. If anything, we are the people trying to fix the major problems. We promote brotherhood, high grades, leadership, community service, athletics and being gentlemen. We do all of that in a social setting that is safe and open minded. I encourage everyone to find out more about fraternities on this campus.

One more thing, please refer to it as a fraternity, not a "frat." We hold the fraternity in the same respect you hold your last name.

*James Wieland is the inter-fraternity council president.*

## Letters

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Rolling Stones song, which wasn't the best choice, but still, the intro was great.

In all honesty, their was no massacre at the show and Angela Thompson wasn't any savior.

After reading Lehning's article I am left wondering if he is a feminist. How long have you known Joanne Pineau? It is very evident in your writing that you do hold a bias. Try writing with an open mind and write about

how the crowd reacts, not just how you react. Represent the campus as a whole and not your own views.

I am not friends with or even know Jon Mason or Sean Walsh. I do like to be entertained and their performance was excellent. Thanks for writing that article, it makes great toilet paper.

**Chris Vaughan**  
Sophomore management info. systems major

# All that has been lost

## A great blunder on behalf of all humans

BOB  
ST. PETER

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

"England," "Iraq" or "France."

What do I have in common with a citizen of Arizona that I do not share with a citizen of Nova Scotia? It would seem to me that given the similar climate, culture and landscape, Mainers and Nova Scotians would have more to talk about than someone who lives in the Sonoran Desert.

The borders that contain us are artificial constructs that have evolved over that last 200 years as a result of war and theft. Am I supposed to believe that because my birth certificate declares Tacoma, Was., as my birthplace, I am inherently different than everyone not born in one of the 50 states?

What was stolen from the Museum of Archaeology did not only belong to the people of Iraq. It was not Iraq's history that was lost, it was our history. Before nation states, before bureaucratic governments, there was a bunch of people trying to get their needs met: food, water, clothing, shelter and even love. Unfortunately, somewhere in the last 10,000 years, this concept was lost to much of the world.

I am able to express these

thoughts, and you are able to read them; no other animal on this Earth can. We are able to communicate complex ideas in this way because of what our ancestors accomplished several thousand years ago. The Constitution of the United States could not have been written if writing had never been invented. People would still be scribbling on cave walls instead of writing great literature.

It is tragic irony that records of the greatest successes of humanity have been lost because of humanity's greatest failure. War is nothing more than our failure to recognize our commonality. War, instead, emphasizes and exploits differences for the gain of a few and to the detriment of all. This war was not about the "United States" against "Iraq." It was Bush against Hussein. We, the people of the world, were, and continue to be, merely tools for the exercising of their power.

University of Pennsylvania art professor Holly Pittman put it best: "We can collect all this history, but we can't learn from it." I hope in my lifetime that humanity will learn from its past and enable our civilization to make the next great discovery. War is futile.

*Bob St. Peter is a graduate student in history.*

# A nice, infinite game of tag

## What lies in the future for the United States and Iraq?

KATHRYN  
MARKOVCHICK

FOR THE MAINE CAMPUS

I suppose it's good we got into the city, but shouldn't we be doing something other than enjoying Hussein's castle?

I was under the impression we sent our troops over there to help the Iraqi people build a better life, not go on a vacation. To the troops that are working hard building relationships with Iraqis, bottoms up to you. I couldn't be paid enough to be over there right now.

I have a question: What about the rest of the world? Or even the United States? Have the media totally forgotten about everything and everyone else in the world? It's like our lives have been put on hold so that we can focus on our troops in Iraq. While that might be important, I'm sure there are other things going on. How about the U.S. deficit or the SARS virus in Asia? It's difficult to even find examples of other world events because of the war.

All other news that does not

have to do with Iraq has taken a back. Shouldn't there be some balance in the media?

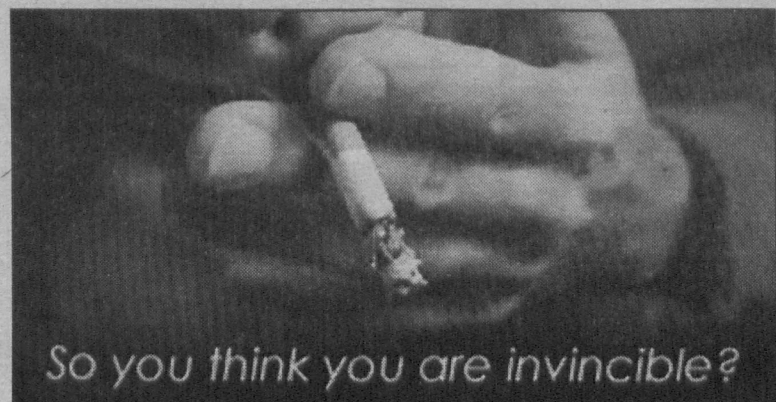
There has been talk about leaving soldiers in Iraq for the next 10 years. Does this mean that for the next 10 years Americans will only have access to news in Iraq? We haven't been successful with any country that we have "attacked" in forming a democracy: China, Korea or Vietnam. What makes us think that it will work this time?

Ten years down the road from now, are we going to actually see any changes? I believe 12 years ago we were in this exact same situation.

They say history repeats itself, but if we continue with this cycle, will America ever reach its full potential? We have many educated leaders in our midst but we seem to enjoy wasting our time in other countries when we have enough homeland problems.

In reality, a war on terrorism can never be won, much like a game of tag. It just continues to go around in a circle.

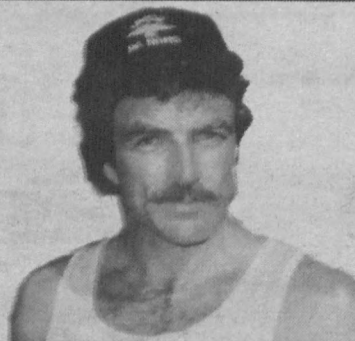
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## On Stage: Seeking Homer returns to UMaine



By Alex Lehning  
Staff Writer

Seeking Homer will bring its sweet and smooth acoustic pop sounds to Bumstock this year.

The band is known for its well-crafted hooks and melodies. Seeking Homer's acoustic sounds are not new to UMaine, as the band has played several gigs on campus before, including a benefit concert this fall.

The group draws comparisons to the acoustic sounds of Guster, Sister Hazel and They Might Be Giants with swirling guitars, some unplugged rhythms and solid harmonies.

The group first came together in 1996. Fordham University students and guitarists Dave Oberacker and Tom Connors had been performing as a duo for two years. Seeking Homer was formed when the two met New York City natives James Dunlop and Michael Seda, the latter on the night of their first

gig. The band features Oberacker and Connors on guitars and vocals, Dunlop on bass and Seda on drums and vocals. The band's debut album, "Streets," was released that year.

Relentless touring brought the band some attention, and its second album, "... A Good Hard Smack," was released in 1998.

Seeking Homer also played the infamous NYC club The Wetlands, which resulted in a live LP in 2000.

The band released its third album, "Paradise," in December 2001. NBC used its stirring, extended version of the "Star Spangled Banner" for the special on the 100th anniversary of the Professional Golf Association's U.S. Open.

People can also hear Seeking Homer on some major regional radio stations, including Syracuse's K ROCK 100, Radio

Lead guitarist and vocalist, Dave Oberacker (left), and bassist, James Dunlop, from Seeking Homer perform at Rock Against Rape in September. Seeking Homer will return for their third Bumstock this year! Yay!

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## William Yellow Robe: No one's stray dog

By Diana McElwain  
Staff Writer

American Indian playwright William S. Yellow Robe Jr. hosted a reading of his new play, "A Stray Dog," at Minsky Recital Hall Wednesday night.

Fewer than 20 people gathered at 8 p.m. to hear the author who is best known for his plays, "The Independence of Eddie Rose" and "The Star Quilter."

Yellow Robe, a member of the Assiniboine tribe, started his career as an actor. The absence of American Indian roles in mainstream theater prompted him to write his own plays, which provided solid roles for himself and other American Indian actors.

He has since written more than 30 plays, addressing such issues as tribal autonomy, ecology, identity and Indian/white relations.

A native of Fort Peck, Montana, Yellow Robe is currently on a fellowship in Rhode Island and is teaching classes at Brown University.

For the reading of his latest play, seven readers took their seats in front of the sparse crowd.

Yellow Robe introduced his work and explained his reason for writing it. He said he hoped "A Stray Dog" would help American Indians come to terms with the many injustices they face.

"I offer this play as a source of healing," he said.

Yellow Robe said he shares his stories in the hope that they will continue to be told by generations that will follow him.

"We would like to dedicate this play to the youth of Wabanaki so that one day they can have their stories told."

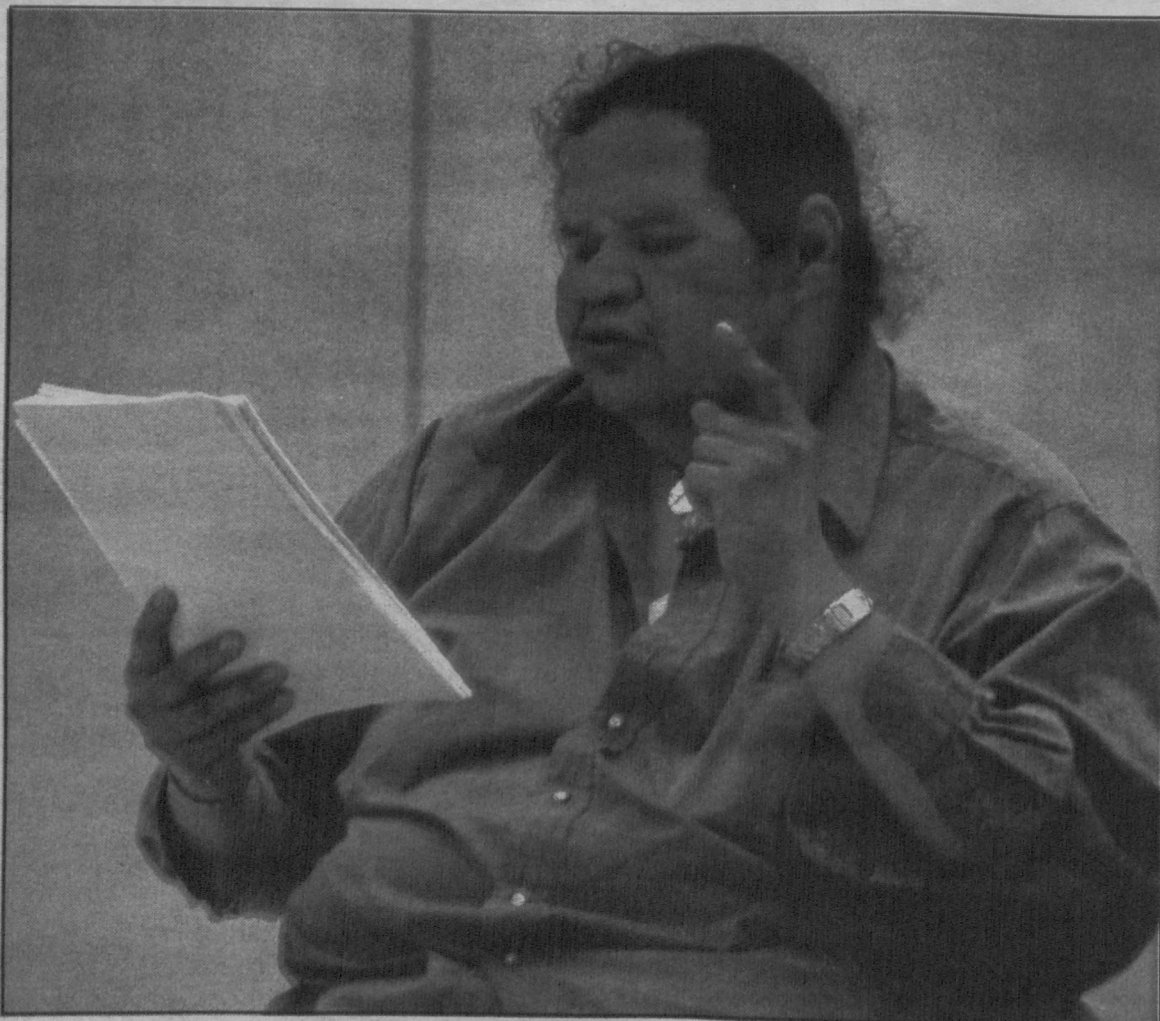
"A Stray Dog" tells the story of Alexander, who returns to his home on a reservation after many years away. This young man often feels out of place on the reservation, as his mother was not a American Indian. Although he considers the reservation his home, he is often called a "breed." The boy's great-grandfather, First-Hand, encourages Alexander to receive an Indian name to help him get in touch with his heritage.

"You should have one Indian name. Then you will know who you are and what you mean."

While "A Stray Dog" discussed serious subjects, such as alcohol abuse, the mistreatment of women, and the tension between American Indians and the white majority, Yellow Robe also used humor to confront the stereotypes that plague his people.

"Only Indians can tease," First Hand said.

The lengthy play, with two acts each consisting of several



CAMPUS PHOTO • JON WHITE  
Recital Hall Wednesday night.

William Yellow Robe reads his play "A Stray Dog" at Minsky Recital Hall Wednesday night. scenes, greatly focused on the discrimination of so-called "breeds" like Alexander. It is this feeling of not belonging to the tribe that gives the play its title.

"I'm tired of being treated like a stray dog and not like a human being," Alexander said.

While the issues dealt with in this play are presented within American Indian families, they

can also be seen in a more universal light. "A Stray Dog" is a story about people and the struggles they face, which is something most, no matter what his or her skin color, can appreciate.



# O.A.R. brings rock-reggae to Orono

By Alex Lehning  
Staff Writer

The rock-reggae jam band Of A Revolution (O.A.R.) will perform at the Maine Center for the Arts Wednesday, May 7, which is Maine Day. The show is part of the band's "Roads Outside Columbus" tour.

High school buddies Marc Roberge (vocals, rhythm guitar) and Chris Culos (drums) teamed up with guitarist Richard On and began playing together. After teaming up with bassist Benj Gershman, the band began performing locally in Maryland and Washington, D.C., with the name Of A Revolution. Its first disc, "The Wanderer" was driven by Roberge's lyric story and the standout track "That Was a Crazy Game of Poker." The band's longer name was replaced by the word of mouth acronym O.A.R.

In 1997 Roberge and Culos enrolled at Ohio State University and began work on the band's follow-up album, "Souls Aflame." Saxophone player Jerry DePizzo joined the duo, and On and Gershman joined the group at OSU in

1998. The band toured Ohio and the Midwest constantly, building a huge regional following. Its third album, "Risen" was released by Everfine Records in 2001. After graduation, the band hit the road, touring and recording full time.

Their first national tour in 2002 included a date at the Jeep World Outside Festival and provided the material for the two-disc live LP, "Any Time Now." The band was able to perform with former wailer Junior Marvin on a cover of the hit "Stir It Up."

The band's live set is driven hard by an energetic lineup and a unique sound. The heavy reggae influence is apparent in its long jams, highlighted by exceptional playing from the solid rhythm section and saxophonist DePizzo. Roberge's storytelling lyrics and voice add to the distinctively pleasant sound.

O.A.R. is most well known for the fan favorite "That Was a Crazy Game of Poker." Despite the lyrics loss of meaning toward the end, the jazz-jam sound is unbeatable. The band takes turns showcasing on saxophone, bass and



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Ohio based rock band O.A.R. will play the Maine Center for the Arts on May 7th.

guitar solos.

"About Mr. Brown," a tribute to a friend, emphasizes the island vibe of the music and the feel-good lyrics about love, heartache and life.

The band forsakes extreme seriousness for fun and energy, creating a live show full of soul and heart. From the opening minutes of "Any Time Now" it's easy to get lost in the music all the way to the very last notes of the disc.

If the album has anything to

say about the band's live performance, students definitely won't be disappointed on Maine Day.

More well-known tunes and live gems include the upbeat rocker "Hey Girl," about first dates and first impressions, and "The Wanderer," with amazingly tight and unmistakable groove. "Night Shift," "Black Rock" and "She Gone" further prove O.A.R.'s prowess in reggae jamming and offer a glimpse of the

dynamic live show the band promises to bring.

Unbelievably tight bass and drums, rock solid and improvisational guitar playing, passionate lyrics and a soulful horn help define the sound that is O.A.R. The band has been performing since high school and the practice shows in its disciplined play. Those looking for a good dose of island-rock and amazing music are in for a night they won't soon forget.

## New all-ages club appeals to hard-core crowd

By Jesse Davis  
For The Maine Campus

The Kave's owner Kathy Findlay has finally gotten her wish. She has found a permanent location to house her new club. Hidden on the edge of a near-empty road in Bucksport, the new venue is a gem for anyone into the punk/hard-core/metal scene.

The Kave, a 299 capacity powerhouse of a rock club, was converted from an old 18-

wheeler garage. The building, twice as large as Ushuaia's, now houses an amazing sound setup, a concessions area that sells candy, chips, soda and pizza, and even a "bands only" room where tired or traveling bands can crash after the show.

"Arcade machines should be coming shortly as well," Findlay said of the ongoing renovations to the building.

Completely chemical-free and non-violent (although

moshing does occur), The Kave was created with the intention of being a safe and comfortable place for fans of all ages to come, hang out and enjoy good music.

"There are 21-plus events once a month," Findlay said. "But the vast majority are all-ages shows."

The new location marks the first time Findlay has owned her own building that The Kave could call home. For the past three to four years it has

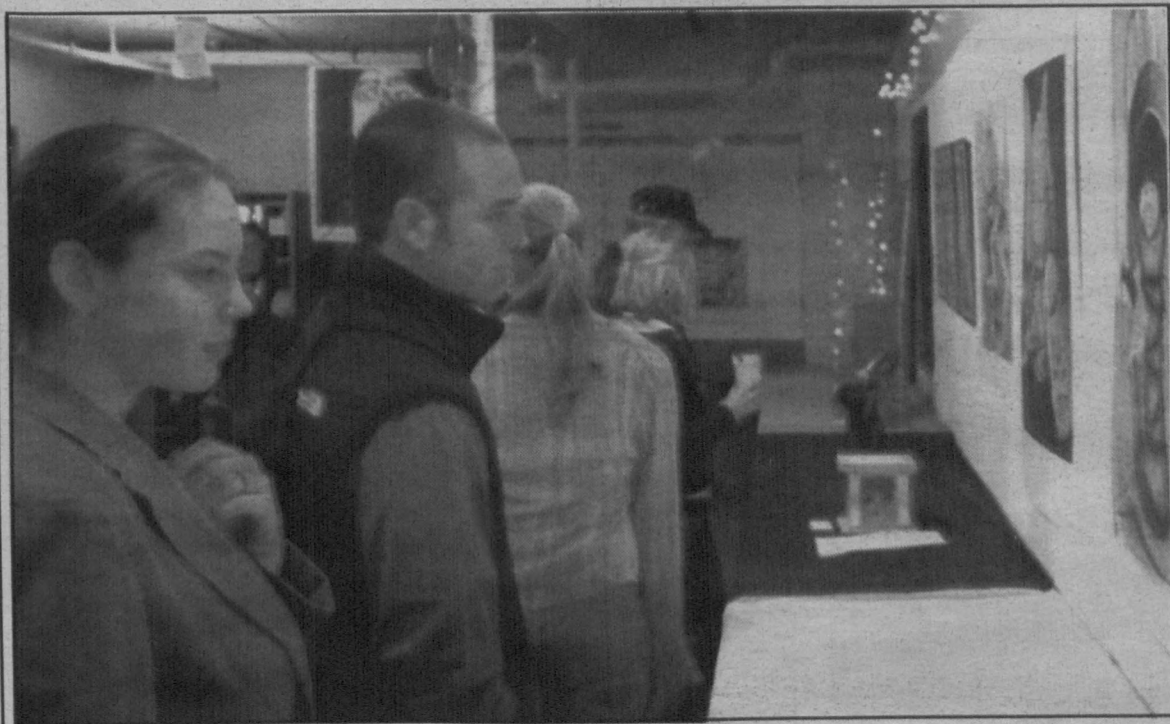
resided wherever Findlay could rent space, be it a church, a Knights of Columbus building or any other random place she could find.

Among the bands that have played either at the rented locations or at the new building are 6Gig, Diecast, Killswitch Engage and Melee. Scheduled to play next are Crampton, Woodsong and

Jeezum Crowe at a 21 plus show on May 3. Unlike most of the shows at The Kave, it will include folk, rock and blues. Depending on who is playing, the shows cost from \$5 and up, plus the donations of one non-perishable food item that Findlay donates to a local food pantry.

"We are always looking for new [local] bands," Findlay said.

### For art's sake



Joy Vanmeter and Peter Leach examine the annual art exhibit at Carnegie Hall on Friday.

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# Not another teen movie

'Better Luck Tomorrow' brings drama to teen movie genre

By Sunny Xiang  
Daily Northwestern

(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. — Be forewarned — Parry Shen is not Freddie Prinze Jr. Nor does he want to be.

While "Better Luck Tomorrow" touches on the typical story of a SoCal rich kid's life gone wrong, it is not, by any means, the typical teen movie.

## Review

Ben Manibang (Shen) and his friends live by the beach, crush on cheerleaders and have money to spare. But they also choose straight As over football, debate championships over prom king and college success over popularity. And like the stereotypical high school Asian-American, they have more brains than they know how to handle.

Complacent and bored with their seemingly perfect lives, Ben and his Asian friends begin spending their free time testing their limits. By manipulating their academic domination and infallible success, they become convinced they can get away with anything.

Based on this premise, love-struck Ben, bad boy Han (Sung Kang), wanna-be-cool Virgil (Jason Tobin), and resume buff Daric (Roger Fan) form the suburban high school version of a "Chinese Mafia." Having practically secured their spots at the Ivy Leagues

of their choice, the boys are ever eager to bring some sparks into their humdrum lives. They find that their straight As provide the perfect cover-up for a string of petty crimes, ranging from selling cheat sheets to dealing drugs to brandishing guns.

Ben's life may center around bulking up his college resume, but that doesn't make him your stereotypical science-nerd-meet-SAT-enthusiast. Just like "Better Luck Tomorrow" isn't really your typical story of teenage romance.

Yeah, so there's a cheerleader involved, and the all too familiar booze, sex and drug scenes are sporadic throughout. But this is no more a cookie cutter teen movie than Ben, an over-achiever turned drug dealer, is a cookie cutter Asian American.

"Better Luck Tomorrow," an independent film by Justin Lin, is the first Asian-American production selected for distribution at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival. As the film's writer, editor, director and producer, Lin tackles themes new to Hollywood by offering a unique perspective on the lives of Asian-American teens.

"Better Luck Tomorrow" pokes fun at popular Asian stereotypes — Ben woos brainy chick Stephanie not with a love letter but a completed lab report — while also addressing the pitfalls of hav-

ing to maintain the so-called Asian ideals of academic perfection.

The relative anonymity of Shen and his supporting cast makes the film refreshing and unique. Shen is convincing as Ben, a stereotypical Asian-American struggling to break through the stifling monotony of an impeccable high school reputation.

Karin Anna Cheung, despite a small struggle with the serious scenes, is commendable in her film debut as Ben's love interest Stephanie. The supporting cast also shines, as each actor molds his character beyond the one-dimensional personalities found in most teen movies.

"Better Luck Tomorrow" also separates itself from the pack with an underlying vision driving its plot. As Renaissance man Steve (John Cho) explains, "Everyone needs a wakeup call."

Don't let your preconceived notions of the traditional teen or ethnic movie turn you away from "Better Luck Tomorrow." There are no semblances of a chick flick, the sap and hugs won't make you gag, and the humor is every bit as sharp as the movie's Ivy-bound smart asses.

By ditching their predictable and repetitive lives, these Asian American over-achievers "break the cycle." By providing a fresh departure from other predictable and repetitive movie plots, Lin's film does just the same.

# B-Side: Music pirate or music patriot

By Alex Lehning  
Staff Writer

Downloading music is nothing new. The idea comes in all shapes and sizes. We remember the controversy surrounding Napster and the concept of file sharing and the free trading of copyrighted music. Recently there have been debates about "copyright protected" CDs that cannot be played or copied onto a computer, even if you own the album. Fee-based services, such as EMusic, have attempted to form a legal niche in the downloading craze. And musicians have both embraced it (such as Phish with their live downloads, or the recent spur of anti-war Internet releases) or opposed it (such as Metallica, who has sued to protect its music from illegal sharing).

If you look at the issue from a strictly legal standpoint, downloading copyrighted material is illegal. If you look at the issue from both sides, it is a bit more complicated, however. CD sales have been dropping for years, and the No. one consumer complaint is cost. Music fans do have some justification, as discs that cost less than a couple dollars to make sell for upwards of \$18. A regional music chain recently refused to sell the new Linkin Park album due to the \$19.98 price tag.

Who is the real criminal here? Certainly not the artist simply trying to protect his or her life's work (in most cases, at least). Fingers should be pointing towards the record companies and their complete domination of the music industry. What blame, though, do I place on myself, the illegal consumer?

The question is a hard one. I own

more than 250 CDs, and have been to more than 40 concerts in my lifetime. I am a huge supporter of music and the bands that I love. But I am guilty of downloading music. Does this make me a freeloader? Again, not an easy question to answer. Finding music on the Internet or using a program like Kazaa has led me to new artists and bands that I would have never heard of. This resulted in some unplanned, yet satisfactory CD purchases.

The message from artists is confusing. Ice T is offering his new record and some videos for a discount through Kazaa. I recently downloaded the new Radiohead album that was leaked. Band members, in posts on their Web site, were more concerned about the Internet version being un-mastered and not finalized, rather than the fact that the songs were leaked. I still plan to be in the store June 10 to get the new CD, 'Hail to the Thief.' Many bands have said publicly that they appreciate the buzz generated by song leaks.

What is my verdict on the matter? File sharing and Internet downloading are here to stay. There is nothing record companies or the industry can do to stop this new phenomenon. While I respect the artists' need for copyrights and royalties, I truly believe that file sharing has made me a better music fan. I have attended more shows and purchased more CDs based on an MP3 a friend gave me than on a traditional print or radio ad. I have discovered more unknown bands, bought more T-shirts and stickers, and in turn, I've promoted more of what the industry should be all about: the music, not the profits.

## • staff picks •

### Music to **BANG** to

#### Matt Shaer

News Editor

1. "Move Me" - Nazareth
2. "Invasion of Your Privacy" - Ratt
3. "Belgian Tom's Hat Trick" - Whitesnake

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Style Editor

1. "Ain't No Fun" - Snoop Dogg
2. "Untitled (How Does it Feel)" - D'Angelo
3. "Slow Ride" - Foghat

#### Nate Webster

Head Copy Editor

1. "Heartbeat" - Don Johnson
2. "My Neck, My Back" - Khia
3. "Obsession" - Animotion

#### Mary Keene

Production Assistant

1. "Why Don't We Do it in the Road" - The Beatles
2. "When the Levee Breaks" - Led Zeppelin
3. "Passenger" - Deftones

## UMaine Summer 2003

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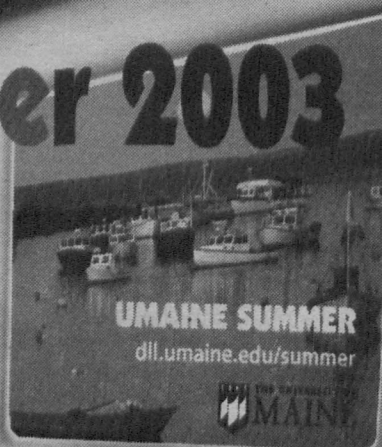
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Quer in Germany and at UMaine on 91.9 WMEB.

Seeking Homer has an energetic and upbeat live sound. "The Wetlands" album seems to capture their sense of earnestness and fun perfectly. The band enjoys being on stage, and it shows in its performance. Seeking Homer morphs smoothly from pop-rock outings, to jams and back again with ease.

"Mountaintop" is a long, hopeful, acoustic-driven jam about a lost love. "I will sit

back and raise a glass/And make a toast to where she lies/You know that girl won't bring me down ..."

Other popular live tracks include the mellow "Greyhound," a relaxed groove and a tribute to the search for life and love. The extended version of the "Star Spangled Banner" mixes the traditional lyrics with updated references to American life, including life in Maine and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" on the beautiful Wetlands version. The song is a

huge fan favorite live.

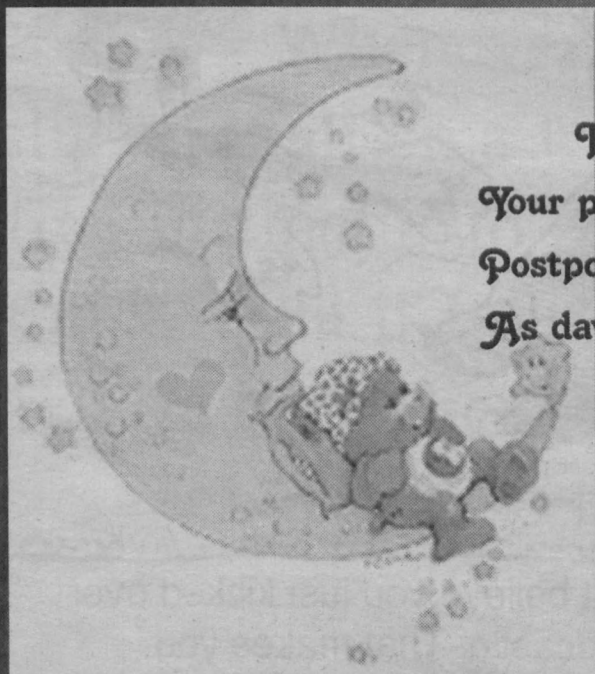
"Texas" is an acoustic-flavored rock song with goofy lyrics about the Southwest. "Hard to Find" has an almost edgy alt-country sound, but manages to sit nicely alongside such softer efforts as the post-breakup song "Looking Ahead."

UMaine students who enjoy a laid-back sound, acoustic jamming and heartfelt lyrics are in for a treat when Seeking Homer takes the Bumstock stage Friday night at 8:45.



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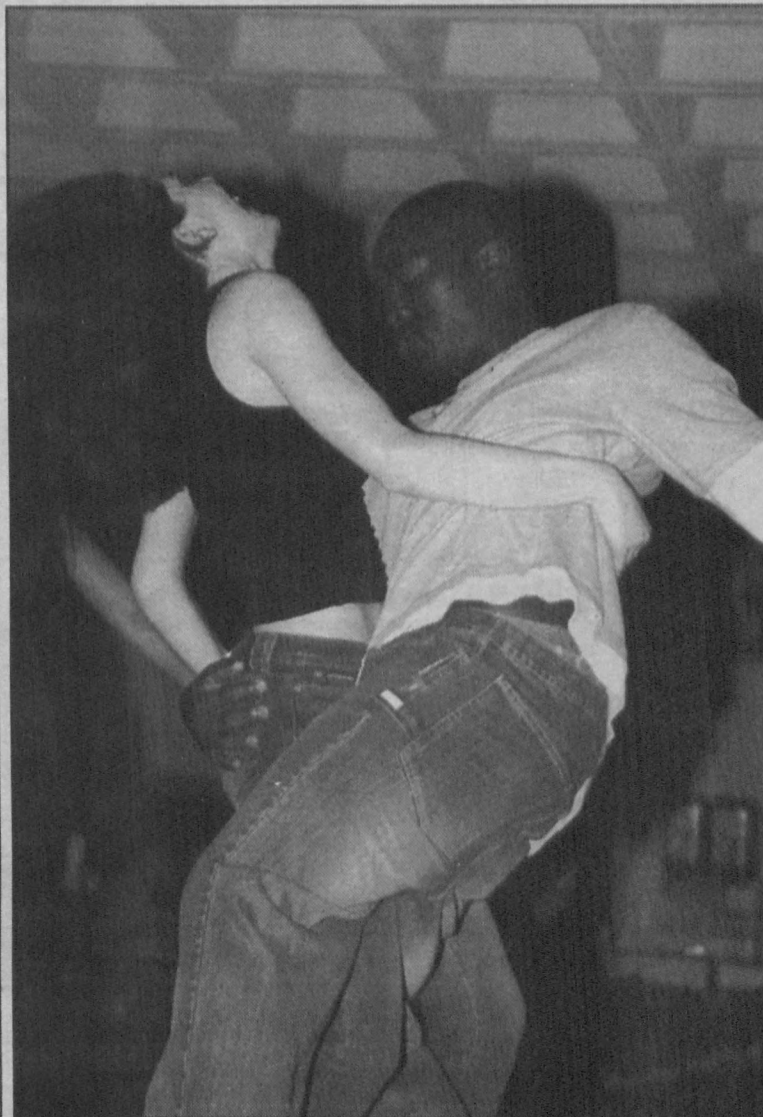
Jackie-O, played by Jennifer Boyd, is overly dramatic with her twin brother's fiance Lesly, played by Hillary Roberts, in "The House of Yes." The excellent performances proved this play, directed by Jennie Leland, to be disturbing, yet entertaining.



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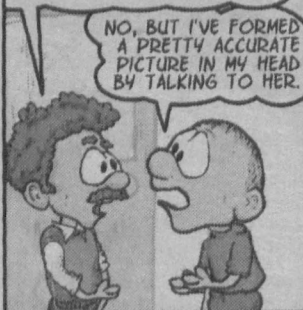
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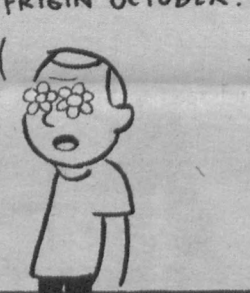
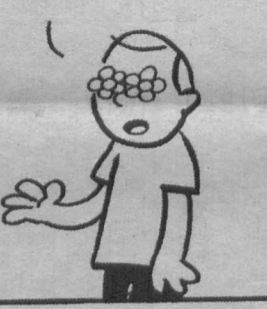
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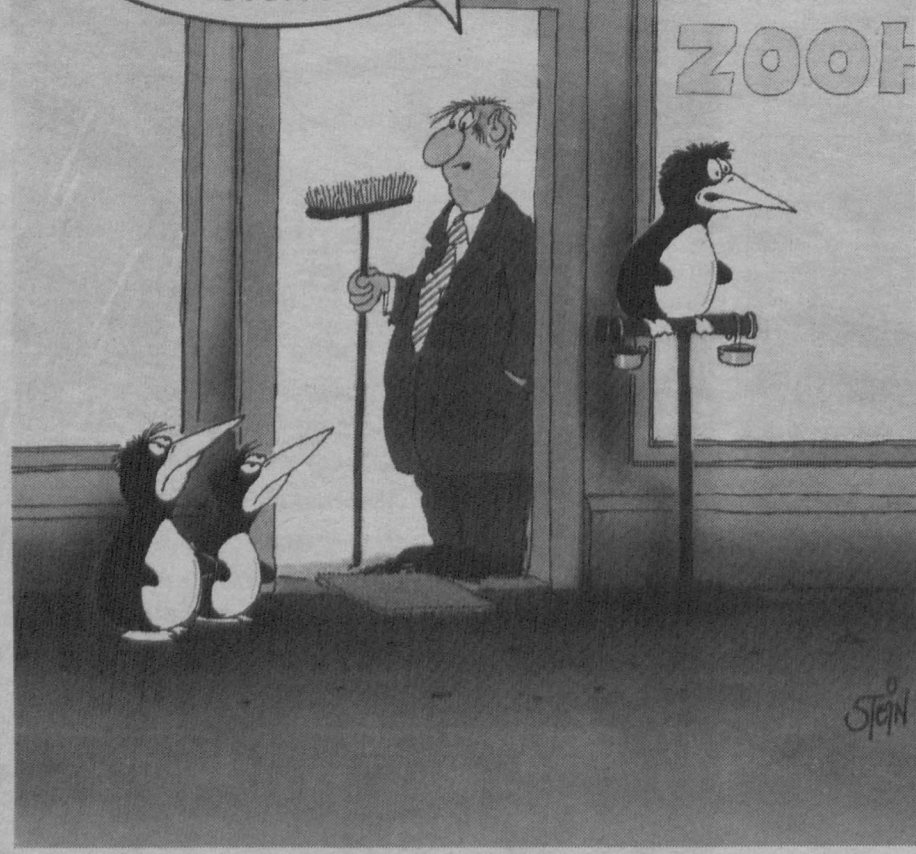
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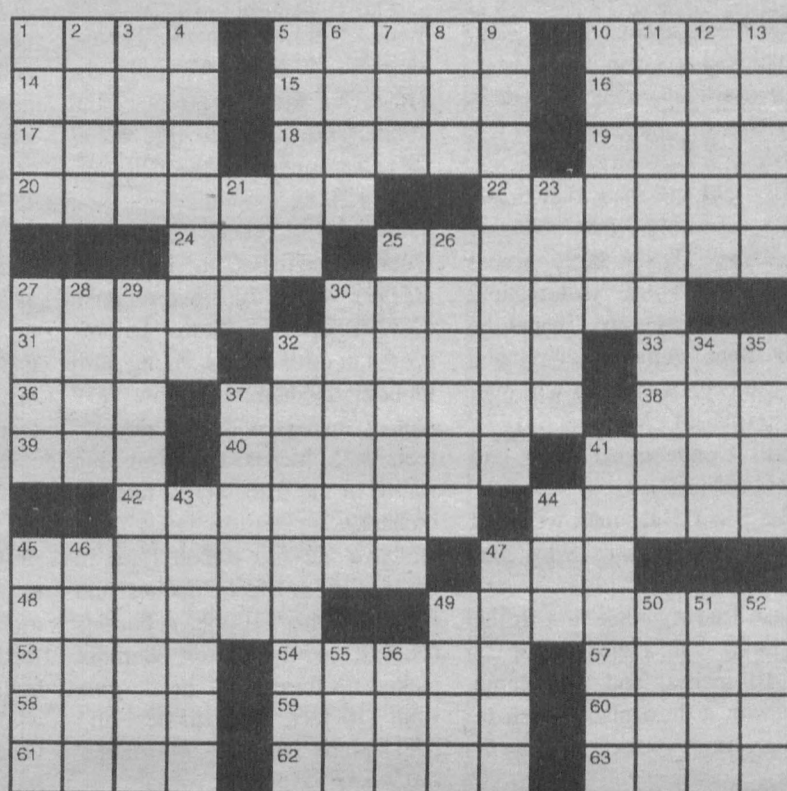


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## Crossword

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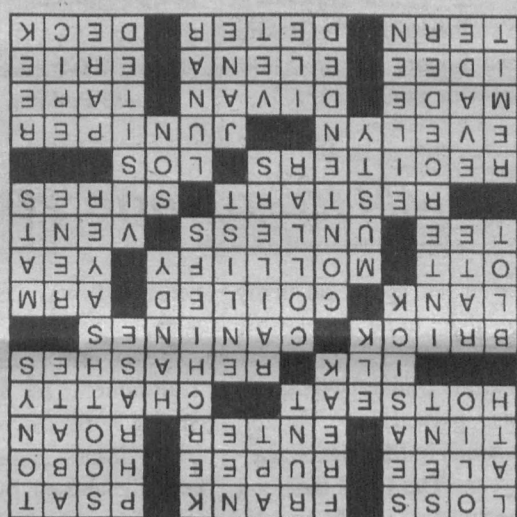


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# SEX matters

**A student from the University of Maine wants to know:**

I have been seeing two commercials for Vasoplex and Climatique on television and I was wondering if you knew much about them and if they work? Both of these products are supposed to increase the sex drives of women. I was also wondering where you put the substance to increase the drive and what it actually does?

*Female, Sophomore*

### Dr. Caron's Response:

These products are basically lubricants with menthol — so when you apply them directly on the clitoris, they provide an interesting sensation. I have not heard a lot of positive comments on either of these products or on others like them. You may want to check out their Web sites for details on the chemical make-up and read testimonials by users. In terms of increasing a woman's sex drive, it is interesting to note that one's interest is not usually

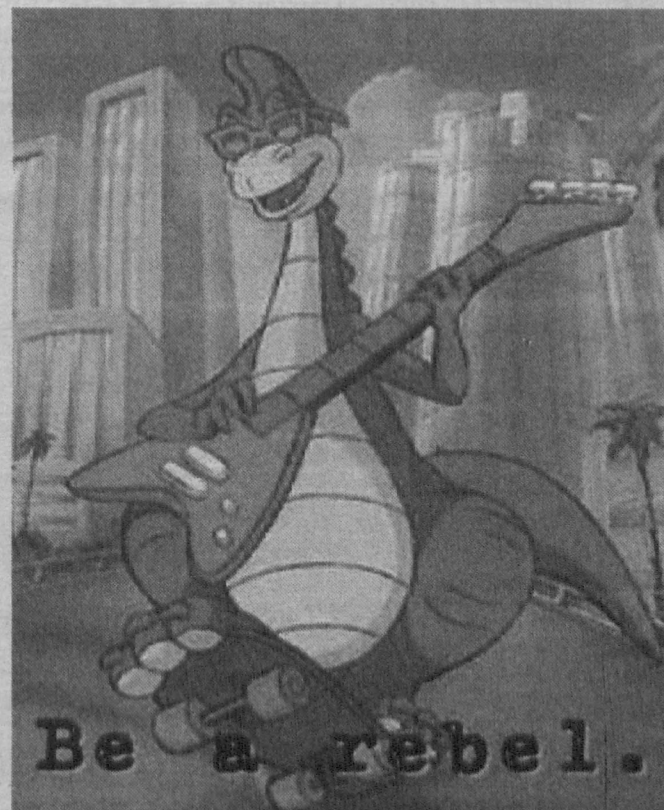
heightened with something found in a tube, but rather by looking within the context of her world and her relationship. In other words, if a woman finds herself with a low sex drive, it may be more useful to look at what is going on in her life — such as being tired, stressed out or burned-out; or by looking at what is going on in her relationship — perhaps she is in a relationship that lacks connection, trust, honesty and/or commitment. So before ordering a magic pill or lubricant, it may be important to look at these other issues. Many people find their sex drive or turn-ons are based on caring, touch, shared feelings and the interest in mutual respect.

*Dr. Sandra L. Caron is a professor of human sexuality at the University of Maine. To submit a question to Dr. Caron or chat with your peers, visit [www.CollegeSexTalk.com](http://www.CollegeSexTalk.com). Copyright Sandra L. Caron, 2002.*

say what?

“Whenever I see an old lady slip and fall on a wet sidewalk, my first instinct is to laugh. But then I think, what if I was an ant and she fell on me? Then it wouldn't seem quite so funny.”

— Jack Handey, Deep Thoughts



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## RED SOX Corner



By Kristin Saunders  
Asst. News Editor

The Boston Red Sox have been on a roll since their return home to Fenway. Despite early bullpen issues with a closer-by-committee, the Sox have now won seven straight games in a row, just two back of the Yankees in the AL East.

• This past week, closer-by-committee was able to maintain the lead long enough for the Sox to pull off the win.

Tuesday night, Ramiro Mendoza almost cost the Red Sox a win against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, and he wasted a solid outing by pitcher Casey Fossum. Mendoza was able to hold it together for at least one inning against the Blue Jays Sunday. On Tuesday Mendoza was tagged for four runs on four hits without retiring a batter in the eighth inning when the Devil Rays came back from a 5-1 deficit to tie, but he at least pitched one solid inning Sunday to lower his ERA to whopping 14.62.

General Manager Theo Epstein said that during the shaky start of the season, he didn't care what people thought because he had faith in the team and he knew who

was behind him and his decision for closer-by-committee.

However, the shaky start appears to be behind the team now. Prior to Sunday's start, the Sox had won six in a row at Fenway, something the team had not achieved in nearly four years.

• Recently, the Fenway faithful included a kid from Southie, who was injured while watching a game atop the Green Monster in the new seats. The boy got struck in the face, and possibly broke his nose, during batting practice.

With blood gushing from his face, the boy was taken by stretcher to a first-aid room beneath the stands. The boy, who had purchased a standing-room ticket, was in the front row of seats just above the left-field scoreboard when he was hit. However, the ball-to-face injury didn't mean he missed any of Wednesday's game. He returned to his spot atop the Green Monster without missing a single pitch.

• The Sox are hot from bats like Trot Nixon's. Nixon, following a solid performance Sunday, is going three for four, batting .380 and is fifth in the American League overall, and Shea Hillenbrand is leading the American League with 20 RBIs. Nomar Garciaparra and Kevin Millar are swinging the bat, as they are grouped together with 11 other players tied for fourth place for American League home run leaders with five.

## Track teams win quad meet

The University of Maine men's and women's track and field teams each picked up a win in this weekend's four-team meet hosted by Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass.

The UMaine men totaled 206 points, beating out Colgate University (181), Holy Cross (130) and Central Connecticut State University (56), while the Black Bear women accumulated 196 points en route to a win over University of Vermont (177), Central Connecticut (107) and Holy Cross (102).

The Black Bear men were led by first place finishes from four individuals.

Jesse Ludwig took first in the long jump with a distance of 22 feet, 10 inches, and also came away with a third place finish in the high jump (6-feet, 0.75 inches).

Edward Caron took the top spot in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:56, while Mike Lansing won the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a time of 9:22. Nolan Tobey was UMaine's other top scorer, taking first place honors in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 15:09.

Paul Rupprecht finished second in the 1,500-meter run (3:57), Nate Holmes took the second spot in the 110-meter hurdles (15.56), and Ryan Harkleroad also finished as the runner-up in the 400-meter in a time of 50.32.

Robert Liguori came away with second place in both the 100-meter (11.39) and 200-meter dash (22.79) events. Andre Dubois scored in three events, taking third in both the hammer throw (139 feet, 2 inches) and shot put (44 feet, 1.25 inches) and finishing fourth in the discus (122 feet, 11 inches).

Dave Cusano placed third in the javelin (171 feet, 2 inches) and fourth in the 110-meter hurdles (16.39), while Derek Semple picked up third place in the pole vault (10 feet, 11.75 inches) and fifth place in the 400-meter (50.98).

The UMaine women had five individuals garner first place honors at Holy Cross.

Silvia Scadaferri led the way as she claimed the top spot in both the long jump (18 feet, 2.5 inches) and the 400-meter run (58.58).

Claire Poliquin bested the field

in the high jump, winning with a height of 5 feet, 3 inches, while Nicole Pelletier posted a winning time of 11:22 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and Amelia Williams won the javelin with a distance of 137 feet, 11 inches.

Katie Souviney turned in solid performances for the Black Bears as she won the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 15.43, took second in the 400-meter hurdles (1:07) and placed third in the shot put (38 feet, 4 inches).

Stephanie McCusker jumped 17 feet, 2 inches to place second in the long jump and also took third in the triple jump with a distance of 37 feet, 5 inches. Sadie Shaffer took second in the triple jump (37 feet, 7.25 inches) and third in the high jump (4 feet, 11 inches), while Shira Panelli (pole vault), Heather Jovanelli (1,500-meter run) and Kristen Vidlak (800-meter run) each claimed a second place finish in her respective event. Panelli's height of 10 feet, 11.75 inches in the pole vault established a new UMaine record in that event.

Compiled from staff reports.

## COLUMN from page 20

have been an avid sports fan all my life, so for them to be the worst is incredibly bad.

I was at the Maine/UNH game that was played at Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester earlier this year. The UNH fans had three cheers they used: the simple, "U-N-H," "M-A-I-N-E ... Maine Sucks!" (a rip-off of Maine's popular cheer) and "Maine Sucks, (clap, clap, clap), Maine Sucks." I was verbally abused on numerous occasions by UNH fans just

because I was cheering for my team.

I was also at the Hockey East Tournament in Boston during Spring Break. For the UNH/UMass game, I was again verbally abused by a number of UNH fans because I had my Maine jersey on. Keep in mind that these are not all students; many of them were obviously parents or graduates, maybe both. Fans who act in this regard to a fan of another team in no way deserve the respect of

any Maine fan.

UNH is a school with horrible fans (for the most part, again, there are some that I can respect, but they are few and far between) and its coach continually allows the team to choke in the biggest games of the year. As a self-respecting lifelong Maine fan, and an alumnus of the Maine-iaks section in the Alford, I will never resort to cheering for a UNH title. Long live the "University of No Hardware."

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## SOFTBALL from page 20

Merchant helped her own cause again in the fifth inning by driving in Cheney with an RBI single to right field.

Merchant was phenomenal on the mound as well. She picked up her eighth win on seven innings of three-hit ball.

"Jenna pitched quite well in the first game, and we really needed that from her," UMaine coach Deb Smith said.

In game two the Black Bears got a fairly solid pitching performance from their other starting pitcher, freshman Sarah Bennis, but couldn't overcome an early 3-0 deficit.

With Albany up 3-0 in the bottom of the fourth inning, the Black Bears sparked a minor rally. Cheney led off the inning with a double to left. Amy Kuhl added a single, and Molly McKinney drove in Cheney on a ground out to third, cutting the score 3-1 in favor of Albany. Two batters later, Erin Provost's double to left-center scored Christina Belmonte, who had come on to pinch run for Kuhl.

Albany went on to have a two-run sixth inning, but UMaine kept plugging away. McKinney scored on another RBI-single from Merchant in the bottom of the sixth inning, but the Black Bears ran out of time and Albany held on for a 5-3 win.

Despite splitting Saturday, Coach Smith was not totally disappointed in her team's performance.

"We saw a lot more confidence out of the hitters today, more so than I saw yesterday," Smith said.

On Friday, UMaine struggled at the plate, but miscues in the field really hurt the Black Bears.

"We didn't play as crisp as we needed to," Smith said. "They were incredibly aggressive, and when we made mistakes on defense, we gave them extra bases.

In game one, the score was tied 1-1 in the top of the third inning when Albany scored a pair of runs on one hit and two UMaine errors in the inning. Albany added a run in the fourth inning, but the Black Bears cut the score to 4-2 in the bottom of the fifth, when Kuhl singled with runners on second and third to score Belmonte. That would be the last run UMaine could muster, however, as they dropped the game, 4-2.

In game two on Friday, Albany jumped on three UMaine errors in the sixth inning to catapult the Great Danes to victory. Maine came into the inning with a 2-1 lead, but Albany quickly scored four unanswered runs on only one hit and three Maine errors, which gave Albany the lead for good.

"[Albany] had some key hits in some clutch situations, but the extra bases, I think, were the biggest difference," Smith said. "They definitely deserve to be one of the top two teams [in America East] right now. They're playing well, very well."

Smith looked for positives her team could take away from the series, despite winning only one of four games.

"Probably one of the nice things we can take away from these games is, we played a lot better on defense the first game," Smith said. "The other thing is, the girls made better adjustments at the plate, so that they were hitting the ball harder, working the pitchers a lot more and making them throw more pitches."

UMaine will have to take some of those positives into their upcoming games with Binghamton University Tuesday and Boston University Wednesday. The Binghamton game is a make-up contest of a rained-out game the two teams missed earlier this season.

## Fri., April 18, 2003 at Mike Kessock Field (Game 1)

Maine	ab	r	h	bi	Albany	ab	r	h	bi
Brady cf	4	0	1	1	Dunning 2b	4	1	1	0
Tibbetts c	4	0	0	0	Wieboldt rf	2	1	1	0
Belmonte pr	0	1	0	0	Lindgren lb/p	3	1	1	1
Cheney ss	4	0	2	0	Rios dh	3	0	1	0
McKinney rf	3	0	1	0	Meacham c	2	0	0	0
Kuhl dh	3	0	1	1	Gannon pr/lb	0	0	0	0
Merchant p	3	0	1	0	Larsen ss	3	0	0	0
Taylor lb	3	1	1	0	Kostenblatt 3b	2	0	0	0
Dulkis 3b	2	0	0	0	Nolette lf	3	1	1	0
Grimm lf	3	0	0	0	Busch cf	3	0	1	1
Provost	0	0	0	0	Couris p	0	0	0	0
					Kowal c	0	0	0	0

Totals 29 2 7 2 25 4 6 2

Albany 102 100 0 - 4 6 2  
MAINE 010 010 0 - 2 7 2

E — Lindgren, Larsen, Brady, Cheney. LOB — Maine 8, Albany 3. 3B — Brady. SH — Wieboldt. SB — Nolette, Busch.

Maine	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Merchant, L (7-8)	7	6	4	3	2	2
Albany						
Couris, W (6-1)	5	6	2	1	2	4
Lindgren, S (3)	2	1	0	0	0	1

## Fri., April 18, 2003 at Mike Kessock Field (Game 2)

Maine	ab	r	h	bi	Albany	ab	r	h	bi
Brady cf	4	0	0	0	Dunning 2b	4	0	0	0
Cheney ss	4	0	1	0	Wieboldt rf	3	0	0	0
McKinney rf	4	0	0	0	Burnham pr	0	0	0	0
Kuhl lb	4	0	0	0	Lindgren p	3	0	0	0
Belmonte pr	0	1	0	0	Isaac pr	0	1	0	0
Taylor dh	3	0	2	0	Rios dh	4	0	1	0
Dulkis 3b	3	1	1	0	Gannon lb	2	1	1	0
Provost lf	2	0	1	0	Larsen ss	3	1	0	0
Bennis p	3	0	1	1	Kostenblatt 3b	1	1	1	1
Asadoorian 2b	2	0	0	1	Kowal c	3	0	1	0
Tibbetts ph	1	0	1	0	Nolette lf	3	0	1	2
Stevens c	0	0	0	0	Busch cf/pr	0	0	0	0

Totals 30 2 7 2 26 5 5 3

Albany 000 014 0 - 5 5 2  
MAINE 020 000 0 - 2 7 3

E — Dunning, Lindgren, Asadoorian 3. DP — Albany 1. LOB — Maine 8, Albany 5. SH — Kostenblatt. SB — Larsen, Kostenblatt, Nolette, Busch.

Maine	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bennis, L (7-6)	7	5	5	2	3	3
Albany						
Lindgren, W (11-3)	7	7	2	0	1	8

## Sat., April 19, 2003 at Mike Kessock Field (Game 1)

Maine	ab	r	h	bi	Albany	ab	r	h	bi
Brady cf	3	0	0	0	Dunning 2b	3	0	1	0
Tibbetts c	3	0	0	0	Wieboldt rf	3	0	0	0
Cheney ss	2	3	2	0	Lindgren lb	3	0	0	0
McKinney rf	2	0	0	0	Rios dh	1	0	0	0
Kuhl dh	3	0	2	0	Isaac pr	0	0	0	0
Merchant p	2	0	1	2	Meacham c	2	0	0	0
Belmonte pr	0	0	0	0	Larsen ss	3	0	1	0
Taylor lb	3	0	0	0	Kostenblatt 3b	3	0	0	0
Provost lf	3	0	1	0	Busch cf	3	0	1	0
Dulkis 3b	1	0	0	0	Nolette lf	2	0	0	0
Asadoorian 2b	0	0	0	0	Buyea p	0	0	0	0
					Couris p	0	0	0	0

Totals 22 3 6 2 23 0 3 0

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MAINE 101 010 x - 3 6 0

E — Lindgren. LOB — Maine 7, Albany 5. 2B — Dunning, Larsen, Kuhl. 3B — Cheney. SH — Dulkis. SF — Merchant.

Maine	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Merchant, W (8-8)	7	3	0	0	1	5
Hartford						
Buyea, L (4-2)	3	2	2	2	2	4
Couris	3	4	1	1	0	4

## Sat., April 19, 2003 at Mike Kessock Field (Game 2)

Maine	ab	r	h	bi	Albany	ab	r	h	bi
Brady cf	3	0	0	0	Dunning 2b	4	0	0	0
Tibbetts ph	1	0	0	0	Larsen ss	4	0	1	1
Dulkis 3b	4	0	3	0	Lindgren p	4	0	1	0
Cheney ss	2	1	1	0	Isaac pr	0	1	0	0
Kuhl lb	2	1	1	0	Rios dh	3	0	2	1
Belmonte pr	0	1	0	0	Gannon lb	2	0	1	0
McKinney dh	2	1	0	1	Kostenblatt 3b	2	0	0	0
Grimm rf	3	0	0	0	Kowal c	3	1	1	1
Provost lf	2	0	1	1	Nolette lf	3	1	2	2
Bennis p	2	0	0	0	Burnham rf	2	0	0	0
Merchant p	1	0	1	1	Busch cf/pr	0	2	0	0
Asadoorian 2b	3	0	0	0					
Stevens c	0	0	0	0					

Totals 27 3 7 3 27 5 8 5

Albany 001 202 0 - 5 8 1  
MAINE 000 201 0 - 3 7 2

E — Kostenblatt, Dulkis, Provost. LOB — Maine 7, Albany 4. 2B — Larsen, Lindgren, Kowal, Dulkis, Cheney, Provost. SH — Gannon, Burnham, Cheney. SB — Busch.

Maine	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bennis, L (7-7)	5	8	5	4	1	2
Merchant	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hartford						
Lindgren, W (12-3)	7	7	3	3	2	5

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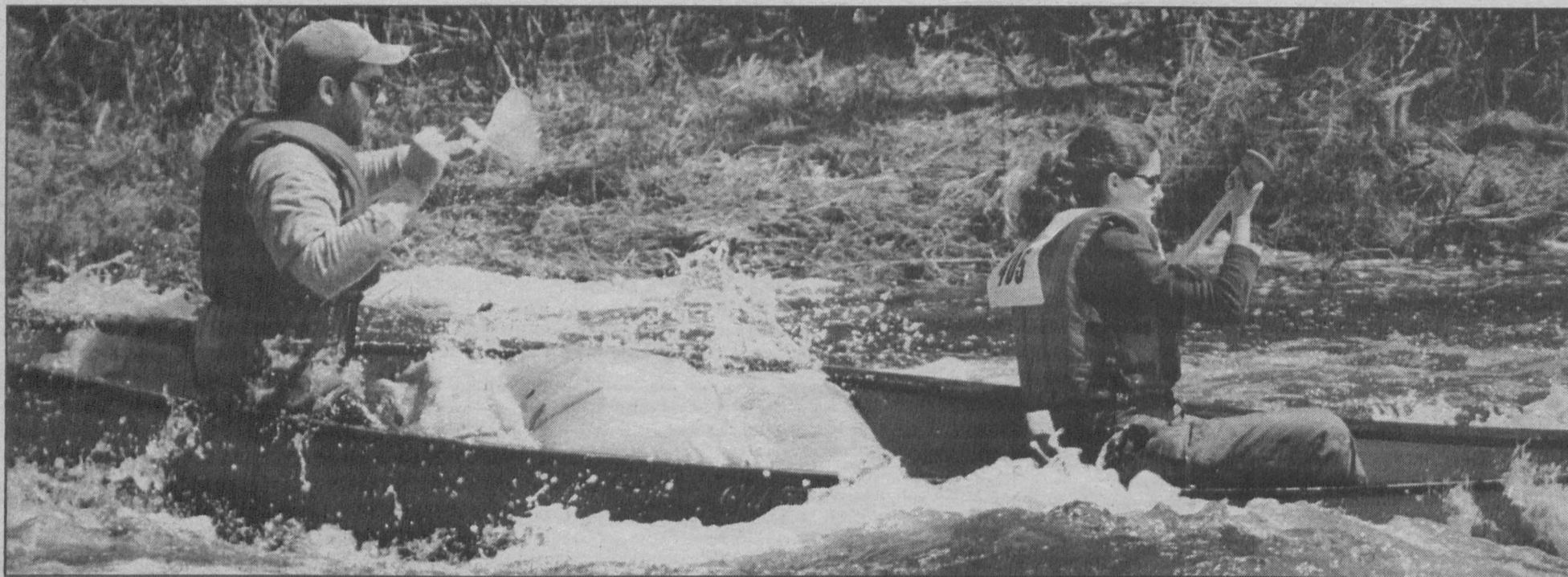


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A pair of University of Maine students compete in the annual Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race Saturday, which was won for the second consecutive year by Trevor Maclean. According to officials, 452 boats were registered in the race, which was sponsored by Bangor Parks and Recreation.

## CANOE RACE from page 20

unprepared for the droves of eager onlookers.

"The roads were blocked with automobiles for miles," he said.

The course of the race has remained the same since 1966, winding through Kenduskeag to Bangor, with the rapids at Six Mile Falls still dumping the most paddlers. However, Colburn said most of the race consists of more manageable terrain.

"It's 10 miles of flat water, and people don't realize that."

Improved organization was needed the second year with more paddlers taking part, but many of the current rules, including no alcohol allowed on the crafts, were yet to be made.

"One year they had a [television] camera on Six Mile Falls and one guy dumped, and all you could see was six-packs everywhere," Colburn said.

At its height in 1994, the race drew more than 1,500 contestants, at which point complete

rescue operations had long been in place. Trained rescue person-

**"It's 10 miles of flat water, and people don't realize that."**

nel, this year under the direction of Dirigo Search and Rescue, are

stationed throughout the course to save racers and loose boats. Colburn said no one has ever been seriously injured in the race, but safety is always a concern.

"You can't have this race without your rescue people," he said.

Lifejackets are required of all paddlers, but they don't seem to get in the way of elaborate costumes and props in many boats. This year's race saw American

flags, a giant Gumby doll, clowns and even aliens along for the ride. One pair wore sombreros and carried inflatable airplanes, dubbed the "Island Shuttles," and two oversized inflatable Corona beer bottles.

Although costumes and assorted styles of boats are now common, Colburn said he hopes the original intent of the race remains intact.

"We want to keep it a traditional canoe race."

## The University of Maine Earth Week 2003 Celebration Calendar of Events



**Earth Week Bands on the Mall!** Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM to 8 PM, behind Fogler Library (facing Deering Hall). Soul Lemon, Funkizon, and Boom House Barn Stompers will perform out doors behind Fogler Library. Rain date Sat., April 19<sup>th</sup>, 8 PM to 12 AM, Stillwater Canal Company, Memorial Union.

**UMaine Earth Week & Sustainability Display.** Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, UMaine Bookstore, Memorial Union. Learn about Earth Day, the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC), UMaine GreenBikes, the UMaine Sustainability Office, and more!

**Environmental Opinion Board.** Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in the Memorial Union, 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Express your views on the environment, sustainability, Earth Day and UMaine. Express yourself!

**Earth Week Discount on Travel Mugs** Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in The Maine Market Place, Memorial Union. The Maine Market Place will be discounting their UMaine travel mugs for Earth Week 2003 to \$1.99 - you save \$0.50! Reduce waste!

**The Conscious Community: The California Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana.** Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12:15 to 1:30 PM in the Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union. Presented by Wendy Chapkis, Associate Professor of Women's Studies & Sociology, University of Southern Maine.

**Sustainable UMaine: Update from the UMaine Sustainability Office.** Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12 to 1 PM in the Bumps Room, Memorial Union. Scott Wilkerson, UMaine's Sustainability Officer, will present on sustainability programs, practices, and policies at UMaine, followed by Q & A. The CommonCents Residence Hall Challenge winner will also be announced!

**Earth Week 2003 Tote Bag Sale at the UMaine Bookstore.** Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> while supplies last in the UMaine Bookstore, Memorial Union. The UMaine Bookstore has Earth Week tote bags for \$4.59 each! Proceeds benefit the Earth Week Committee!

**Earth Day Clothing Swap.** Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 AM to 2 PM on the Mall in front of Fogler Library. Bring your unwanted clean clothes to the Clothing Swap. Drop them off and grab some stuff you like. All clothes are free for the taking (and the leaving). Left over clothing to be donated to a local charity. Rain location is the Totman Lounge, Memorial Union.

**GreenBike Bike Rack Building Service Project.** Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12 Noon to 3 PM, Maine Bound Adventure Center. Maine Bound is sponsoring a GreenBikes bike rack building service project. Come lend a hand and help build low profile GreenBike racks to be used at Maine Bound, UMaine's official GreenBikes Hub!

**UMaine Solar Vehicle Display.** Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 AM to 2 PM on the mall in front of Fogler Library. The UMaine Solar Vehicle Team will display and discuss their award winning electric vehicles.

Earth Week 2003 Celebration is sponsored by the Student Environmental Action Coalition, The UMaine Bookstore, the UMaine Solar Vehicle Team, The Maine Market Place, Student Government, Inc., and the UMaine Sustainability Office.

All events are open and free to the public. Please contact Scott Wilkerson at the UMaine Sustainability Office at 581-3300 Ext. 3 or via First Class with questions. This calendar of events is also available on the UMaine Calendar at <http://calendar.umaine.edu>

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## Fri., April 18, 2003 at Mahaney Diamond (Game 1)

Maine	ab r h bi	Northeastern	ab r h bi
Livulpi cf	5 0 0 0	Czarnowski lf	2 1 0 0
Williams rf/lf	4 0 0 0	Sidhu 2b	4 1 1 1
Picard dh	4 0 0 0	Pena ss	5 0 0 0
Izaryk c	2 0 0 0	Koslowski 1b	3 0 0 0
Ouellette 2b	4 0 1 0	Bush 3b/p	4 0 1 2
Quintal lf	2 0 0 0	Heriot cf	4 1 2 0
Young rf	2 1 1 0	Maher dh	1 0 0 0
Drapeau 3b	4 2 2 1	Paquette ph	2 0 1 0
Creek ph	0 0 0 0	Steinberg pr	0 1 0 0
Saunders pr	0 1 0 0	Morizio c	3 0 1 0
Gambale ss	2 0 1 0	Emanuele rf	3 1 2 3
Tobin ph/1b	2 0 1 1	Monds p	0 0 0 0
MacDonald p	0 0 0 0	Nutting 3b	1 1 1 1
Labelle p	0 0 0 0		
Totals	33 4 6 2		32 6 9 6

Northeastern 000 002 22 - 6 9 3  
MAINE 000 010 30 - 4 6 2

E — Pena, Koslowski, Bush, Ouellette, MacDonald. LOB — Maine 9, Northeastern 9. 2B — Emanuele. HR — Drapeau. SB — Emanuele.

Maine	IP	H R ER BB SO
MacDonald, L (4-3)	7.1	9 6 6 4 7
Labelle	0.2	0 0 0 1 1
Northeastern		
Monds	6	6 4 2 2 5
Bush, W (1-1)	2	0 0 0 2 2

## Fri., April 18, 2003 at Mahaney Diamond (Game 2)

Maine	ab r h bi	Northeastern	ab r h bi
Livulpi cf	4 2 1 0	Czarnowski lf	4 0 1 1
Ouellette 2b	3 3 2 2	Sidhu 2b/ss	3 0 0 0
Izaryk c	3 1 3 3	Koslowski 1b	3 0 0 0
Drapeau ph/3b	4 0 1 0	Bush 3b	3 1 2 0
Picard dh	2 0 0 2	Heriot cf	3 0 1 0
Young cf	3 0 0 0	Paquette dh	3 0 0 0
Tobin 1b	3 0 1 0	Pena ss	2 0 0 0
Saunders pr	0 1 0 0	Maher 2b	1 0 0 0
Carlton 1b	0 0 0 0	Morizio c	3 0 0 0
Williams lf	2 0 0 0	Emanuele rf	3 1 3 0
Gambale ss	3 1 1 0	Thomson p	0 0 0 0
Collar p	0 0 0 0		
Totals	28 2 7 1		27 8 9 7

Northeastern 010 010 0 - 2 7 4  
MAINE 301 013 x - 8 9 0

E — Koslowski 2, Emanuele, Thomson. DP — Northeastern 1. LOB — Maine 5, Northeastern 5. 2B — Bush, Emanuele 2. Ouellette 2. SB — Livulpi 2. SH — Williams. SF — Picard.

Maine	IP	H R ER BB SO
Collar, W (5-2)	7	7 2 1 0 10
Northeastern		
Thomson, L (1-4)	6	9 8 6 2 7

## Sat., April 19, 2003 at Mahaney Diamond (Game 2)

Maine	ab r h bi	Northeastern	ab r h bi
Livulpi cf	5 2 4 3	Czarnowski lf	2 0 0 0
Ouellette 2b	1 1 1 4	Emanuele rf	3 0 0 0
Izaryk c	5 0 0 0	Koslowski 1b	2 0 0 0
Drapeau 3b	3 2 2 0	Bush 3b	3 0 0 0
Picard dh	4 2 2 2	Nutting 3b	1 0 1 0
Carlton 1b	2 2 1 1	Paquette dh	3 0 0 0
Williams lf	2 1 0 0	Heriot cf	3 1 2 1
Saunders lf	1 1 1 0	Pena s	1 0 0 0
Gambale ss	3 1 1 1	Maher 2b	2 0 1 0
Reichley ph	0 1 0 0	Morizio c	1 0 0 0
Young rf	4 2 3 4	Steinberg lf	2 0 0 0
Creek p	0 0 0 0	Sidhu 2b	1 0 0 0
		Ryan p	0 0 0 0

Totals 30 15 15 15 24 1 4 7

Northeastern 000 010 0 - 1 4 1  
MAINE 034 001 x - 15 15 20

E — Bush. DP — Maine 1. LOB — Maine 6, Northeastern 4. 2B — Livulpi 2, Drapeau, Carlton, Young. 3B — Heriot, Livulpi. HR — Picard, Heriot, Ouellette, Young. HBP — Czarnowski, Reichley. SF — Ouellette 2, Carlton. SB — Picard.

Maine	IP	H R ER BB SO
Creek, W (4-0)	7	4 1 1 1 4
Northeastern		
Ryan, L (0-3)	2	10 9 9 3 3
Pieski	2	3 4 2 2 2
Piryk	2	2 2 2 0 2

## BASEBALL from page 20

10 batters in an 8-2 Black Bear win. The right-hander improved to 5-2 on the season and received help from sophomore catcher Aaron Izaryk, who drove in three runs on three hits.

"Mike set the tone in the first inning," UMaine coach Paul Kostacopoulos said. "He had awesome stuff and sent the message that 'I'm going to be pretty tough tonight.'"

"He's such a dominant pitcher when he is able to use all three pitches and spot them as well as he does," Izaryk said. "When he goes out and sets the tone, it's a positive for us."

The Huskies used a late surge in the nightcap Friday to salvage their only win of the four-game series, 6-4. Northeastern scored a pair of runs in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings to chase Black Bear starter Mike McDonald from the game. McDonald suffered his third loss of the season, against four victories.

Northeastern's Chris Emanuele hit the game-winning, two-run double in the top of the eighth inning and relief pitcher Tim Bush shut down the Black Bear bats in the bottom of the inning to preserve the win.

Even with the split Friday, Kostacopoulos said he liked his team's effort.

"We played harder tonight than we've probably played in the last couple weeks," Kostacopoulos said. "I thought we played more intense and that's a good sign."

Creek was the hero in both games Saturday. Playing first base in the first game, Creek broke a 3-3 tie in the bottom of

the seventh inning with an RBI-single through the left side. Senior Joe Drapeau beat the throw home from Northeastern's left fielder and the Black Bears walked away with a 4-3 win.

Norton picked up the win in game one Saturday, improving his record to 4-1 on the season. Norton gave up three earned runs on six hits and struck out four. Izaryk drove in three runs for UMaine on a two-out, bases loaded single in the second inning.

Creek was the winner on the mound in the nightcap Saturday and remained perfect in 2003 with his fourth win. Creek was aided by an offensive explosion from his teammates. Seniors Alain Picard, Brett Ouellette and Aaron Young all hit home runs and a seven-run first inning led to a 15-1 Black Bear win.

UMaine pounded out 15 hits in game two Saturday, chasing Northeastern starter Brendan Ryan after just two innings of work. Ouellette and Young each drove in four runs, and senior Mike Livulpi went 4-5 at the plate with a pair of doubles.

Creek scattered just four hits — one a solo home run from Northeastern's Jeff Heriot — and struck out four batters.

The Black Bears host in-state rival Husson College at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Mahaney Diamond. The Braves play in the NAIA, a considerable step down from Division I competition.

UMaine returns to America East action next weekend when Binghamton University visits Mahaney Diamond for a four-game weekend series.

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# Sports

The University of Maine men's and women's track and field teams each placed first at a quad meet at College of the Holy Cross this weekend. See story on page 16

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## Another opinion of UNH

By Adam Parker  
For The Maine Campus

Jeff Mannix, a sports reporter for *The Maine Campus*, wrote a story in the April 14 edition about how he wanted the University of New Hampshire to win the national title. I'm glad UNH had fans cheering for them, but it's unfortunate that one of those fans was in Orono. I am not sure who this reporter has talked to or how many different events he has attended, but he has a very different view of UNH than most Maine fans in the area.

First of all, I will agree with one thing that Mannix said: Mike Ayers is a great goalie, and if he played for any other college in the country (except maybe BC), then I would cheer for him. He has phenomenal talent and is a spectacular competitor. Unfortunately, he goes to UNH.

Dick Umile may be a good man, but he is a horrible coach. He continually gets his team to the playoffs, only to let them fold when they get there. He changes the game that the team plays when the season is on the line. All year long, his team plays to win, but when it's the playoffs, he has his teams play not to lose. The intensity, the heart and the passion the UNH teams continually show just disappears when they reach the playoffs.

Secondly, Umile hasn't done much to build that program. His teams are usually no better than "good" and probably closer to average. Umile has not made that school a national power, Ty Conklin and Mike Ayers have. It's not hard to tell a goalie, "stop the puck from going in the net." The only thing Umile has done while he's been at UNH is recruit two good goalies.

Unlike Mannix, I cannot speak on the program or the individuals at the UNH athletic department, as I have not met any of them. However, I can speak regarding the fans. I am aghast that someone from Maine can have any respect for fans that treat Maine fans so terribly. I will admit I have met some UNH fans who were nice to Maine fans, but they were all well past their college years and were closer to retirement than they were to their 30s.

UNH fans have to be the worst fans I have ever seen in college sports, and possibly in any sport. I

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## Baseball wins three of four at home



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF  
University of Maine junior hurler Mike McDonald follows through to the plate in the Black Bears' 8-2 win over Northeastern University Friday afternoon. Collar tossed a complete game seven-hitter, striking out 10 for his fifth victory of the season.

### Pitching prevails as Bears dominate Northeastern

By Eric Russell  
Sports Editor

The University of Maine baseball team must have been looking forward to playing at home. The Black Bears used solid starting pitching to take three of four games from Northeastern University Friday and Saturday in the first games of 2003 at Mahaney Diamond.

Junior Mike Collar, sophomore Greg Creek and freshman Greg Norton all picked up complete game victories over the weekend as UMaine improved to 22-10 overall and 6-2 in America East Conference games. Northeastern fell to 7-15, 2-6.

Collar set the tone in the opening game Friday afternoon, scattering seven hits over seven innings while striking out

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## Kenduskeag canoe race has repeat winner

By Jackie Farwell  
Copy Editor

The Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race was to blame for countless overturned canoes, dripping paddlers and enthusiastic onlookers in Bangor Saturday.

The race, in its 37th year, began at 8:30 a.m. in Kenduskeag and ended around 4

p.m. in downtown Bangor. According to race officials, 452 registered boats competed in the 16-mile race sponsored by Bangor Parks and Recreation.

This year's winner was Trevor Maclean, with a time of two hours, 12 minutes and four seconds, paddling solo in a kayak.

More than 800 participants took part, braving frigid waters

in the race that has never been canceled or postponed due to weather.

Ed "Sonny" Colburn and Lew Gilman started the race in 1966 in an attempt to fill a void left behind by Bangor Parks and Recreation's then defunct bicycle race. The men wanted to organize a new race to mark the beginning of the spring season.

"We met at Miller's Restaurant and we banged our heads together," Colburn said. "It's springtime, there's nothing else to do."

Colburn said about 34 people took part in the first race, compared to more than 800 this year. However, the city was still

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## Softball team salvages just one win against Albany



CAMPUS PHOTO • JULIE ALTENHOFF  
University of Maine first-year infielder Erin Provost throws out a University of Albany player in the Black Bears' 4-2 loss Friday afternoon at Kessock Field. UMaine dropped three of four games over the weekend.

By Jim Doughty  
For The Maine Campus

A weekend series with the University of Albany produced two extremes for the University of Maine softball team. On Friday, the weather was as cold as the Black Bears' bats, while on Saturday, the sun shone bright and UMaine picked up a win.

UMaine's offense thawed out enough in game one Saturday to take a 3-0 victory over the visiting Great Danes.

Freshman Brittany Cheney single-handedly put the Black Bears on the board in the first inning. After she looped a two-out triple over the head of the retreating right fielder, Cheney galloped home on a wild pitch uncorked by Albany's starting pitcher, Danielle Buyea.

The 1-0 score held until the bottom of the third inning, when a sacrifice fly by UMaine's starting pitcher Jenna Merchant scored Cheney, who scored all three runs for the Black Bears in game one.

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